

## Top Syrian officer denounces Israeli policy

DAMASCUS (AFP) — The chairman of Syria's joint chief-of-staff said here Tuesday that peace in the Middle East was impossible unless Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu changed his policies. "The Middle East peace process is stumbling over obstacles set up by Israel, which scorns U.N. resolutions and the principle of trading land for peace," General Hekmat Shehawi said at a promotion ceremony for women officers. Gen. Shehawi, who participated in peace talks in 1995 with Israeli negotiators at Wye plantation outside Washington, said that "there is no way to conclude a just and lasting peace as long as Mr. Netanyahu pursues his current policies."

# Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation  
جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية مستقلة عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية والرأي.

Volume 21 Number 6377

AMMAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1996, RAJAB 2, 1417

Price: Jordan 150 Fils

## Decision to rechannel subsidies is sound, Monarch asserts, ordering review of prices in view of lower costs

King orders amnesty for those involved in Karak riots, other prisoners  
In letter to premier, HM says measure aimed at cementing dialogue, democracy, although these still have enemies

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday instructed the government to end all legal procedures against those involved in the Karak riots of Aug. 16-17 and issued a special pardon for certain categories of prisoners. "We ask you to halt all measures against those who deviated from the right path," the King told Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti in a letter. The King also said the prices of bread, which the government raised by three-folds in August, should be reviewed in light of the decrease in wheat prices on the international market.

But the King stressed that the decision to rechannel bread and fodder subsidies was sound and aimed at stopping abuse.

The King renewed confidence in Mr. Kabariti and his government, saying the premier has proved his devotion to the country and has not sought personal

political gains. Reports put the number of those involved in the Karak riots at 250 while official sources said the special pardon for convicts will not cover those who pose a security threat or were convicted on corruption charges. The source said the government has yet to determine who among the prisoners qualify for the amnesty.

Following is a translation of the King's letter to Mr. Kabariti:

I send you my best greetings, appreciation, affection and confidence. We have been following with satisfaction your efforts which reflect your efficiency and loyalty, which are characterised by courage and farsightedness and serious commitment to protect the nation's interest and your work to deepen the march towards the good of the country.

You have not been seeking any personal political gains at the expense of the

nation's interests but rather you have dedicated your efforts to serving the country and ensuring its progress and development.

I hereby send you my appreciation for efforts exerted by you and your government for the sake of redressing imbalances that impede the Kingdom's progress and development.

It gives me great pleasure to see that our country is overcoming the hardships, thanks to the Jordanian people's awareness and their readiness to offer sacrifice at all levels and thanks to the credibility and transparency manifested by our government in its drive to carry out its duty to enhance the Kingdom's status and position in the fields of economy and politics at the Arab, regional and international levels.

The government's handling of the economic difficulties has gained Jordan added confidence among the various countries which are sparing no effort in providing assistance to Jordan, which has proved its pursuit of self-reliance to ensure a promising future for us and the coming generations.

We also appreciate your government's endeavours to coordinate efforts aimed at expanding the social security network to ensure the best possible basic services in health, education and basic food supplies for the Jordanian people.

In the course of carrying out reforms, your government has recently changed the form of subsidy of wheat in a manner that would ensure that the subsidy reaches the targeted groups with a view to stemming waste and loss of public funds, and I followed up on the positive and negative reactions to these procedures. These procedures have proved to all people constituted the right steps towards stemming wastage. These measures have started to bear fruit.

The government's measures on the bread were taken during circumstances which witnessed a rise in the world markets' wheat prices. But in view of the indications that the wheat prices on the international markets are on the decline, I hereby instruct your government to reconsider the prices of bread in Jordan from the date when the wheat to be purchased at the new prices have reached the local consumers. These measures should not interfere with the continued payment of cash subsidy to the public which amounts to JD60 million annually.

We have been following up on the developments in Jordan imposed on us by the difficult circumstances we have been living through. But regrettably at a time when the reform process has started to bear fruit, some people thought that they can harm national interests through sedition.

(Continued on page 12)

The government's measures on the bread were taken during circumstances which witnessed a rise in the world markets' wheat prices. But in view of the indications that the wheat prices on the international markets are on the decline, I hereby instruct your government to reconsider the prices of bread in Jordan from the date when the wheat to be purchased at the new prices have reached the local consumers. These measures should not interfere with the continued payment of cash subsidy to the public which amounts to JD60 million annually.

We have been following up on the developments in Jordan imposed on us by the difficult circumstances we have been living through. But regrettably at a time when the reform process has started to bear fruit, some people thought that they can harm national interests through sedition.

(Continued on page 12)



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Tuesday receive Indonesian President Suharto

## King, Suharto discuss bilateral relations, regional and Islamic issues Jordan, Indonesia sign economic deals

By Francesca Ciriaci  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Bilateral economic and political ties and Islamic issues of mutual concern as well as the Arab-Israeli peace process and the situation in Iraq were the focus of wide-ranging talks His Majesty King Hussein held Tuesday with visiting Indonesian President Suharto.

King Hussein stressed the need for the international

community's support and assistance for the peace process and called on Indonesia to "play an active role in consolidating peace by contributing to the progress of the (Middle East) region."

In a welcoming address to Mr. Suharto at a state dinner on Tuesday, the King said the peace process "needs the world's active participation for the consolidation of its foundations, through the comprehensive

development of this region and the improvement of the standard of living of its people."

Praising the King for having "played a key-role in resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict," and reaching a peace agreement with Israel, Mr. Suharto expressed his "concern about the prolonged conflict between the Arabs and Israel" and voiced Indone-

(Continued on page 12)

## Inter-Arab economic ties emerge as focus of MENA summit Israel told it cannot benefit from regional cooperation before attainment of peace

From P.V. Vivekanand  
in Cairo

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Hosni Mubarak Tuesday opened the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit in Cairo which seeks to isolate the clouded Arab-Israeli peace process from economics. But it became abundantly clear before the opening session was over that Israel could not simply hope to reap economic benefits through regional cooperation while it continues to stall the peace process with the Palestinians.

It also emerged, judging from comments by Arab and foreign delegates at the conference, that the focus was definitely on the potential of inter-Arab economic ties and on Arab relations with technologically advanced countries of the West and Japan, rather than Israel's economic integration into the Mideastern economic order.

As Minister of Industry and

Trade Ali Abul Ragheb put it "economic cooperation (between Israel and the Arab World) depends on Israel's moving ahead with the Middle East peace process."

"There can be no business without peace," he told the conference.

Mr. Abul Ragheb said that the hardline positions of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were bogging down the peace

process and jeopardising prospects for economic cooperation.

"The fact that this conference is held in Cairo is of historic significance. It is intended as evidence that international agreements should be respected and are meant to be respected," Mr. Abul Ragheb told a plenary session of the conference Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Abul Ragheb was echoed by

Canadian Foreign Minister Lord Axworthy and Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad Ben Jasssem Ben Thani, who clearly warned Israel that there could be no progress towards peace — which in turn will open doors for economic cooperation — without making the needed concessions to the Palestinians.

The European Union (EU) also stole the show in the bargain by affirming that its strategic and

geopolitical interests dictate that it play a high profile role in the Middle East to salvage the peace process, whether anyone liked it or not. The thunderous applause that greeted Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring's declaration that the EU had "a responsibility both to the region and to itself to put the peace process back on track" appeared to set the tone for the third MENA economic conference.

"The European Union is more than ever convinced that peace in the Middle East depends on the full implementation of the existing agreements between Israel and the Palestinians," Mr. Spring told the 2,000 and plus businessmen and 1,500 official delegates gathered at the impressive Cairo International Convention Centre in Nasser City.

"I... appeal to the parties... to reclaim the spirit of Oslo and Madrid to continue towards the

## Prince Hassan assures participants in MENA of vitality of Jordanian economy

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday praised the commitment of the sponsor of, and the participants in the Middle East and North Africa economic summit which, he said, is taking place despite the emergence of new political and economic uncertainties in the region.

"These are the people who are convinced of the potential of the Middle East and who are willing to take risks for attaining prosperity," Prince Hassan said in a letter he sent to the summit Tuesday.

Prince Hassan said that the government has taken concrete measures towards economic liberalisation and openness and issued transparent legislation to strengthen the role of the private sector.

The Prince said the government needs to focus its efforts on ensuring that economic development takes note of the human dimension. Prince Hassan stressed the special role of the private sector in shouldering

(Continued on page 7)

(Continued on page 7)

## Iraq urges Russia to pressure UNSCOM

BAGDAD (AFP) — Iraq on Tuesday urged Russia, France and China to pressure the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) into setting a timetable for completing its mission to dismantle Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction. "France, Russia and China can seriously and insistently suggest a timetable for (Rolf) Ekeus' commission to finish its work," the official Al Jumhuriyah newspaper said.

## Rabin assassin appeals sentence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Yitzhak Rabin's assassin asked the supreme court on Tuesday to overturn his conviction on charges he conspired to attack Palestinian leader Yigal Amir, 26, who was convicted of murder. sentenced to life in the assassination of Israel's prime minister.

## Christopher says Hebron deal close at hand; Palestinians pessimistic

CAIRO (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestinians are close to an agreement on the delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said here Tuesday.

"I believe that a final set of very specific understandings on Hebron is close at hand," Mr. Christopher told delegates at the opening here of the third Middle East and North African economic conference.

Israeli Radio quoted Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy as saying during the conference here that an accord on Israel's pull-out from Hebron could be signed as early as Wednesday.

"It cannot be excluded

that an agreement on Hebron could be signed on Wednesday," Mr. Levy reportedly said.

He said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would likely postpone his planned departure for a private visit to the United States scheduled for Thursday if he was needed to wrap up the Hebron issue. But Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Tuesday when he returned to Gaza from talks in Cairo with Mr. Christopher and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that many obstacles still stand in the way of an agreement over Hebron.

When asked which obstacles were preventing agreement on the Hebron handover, the biggest unimplemented element of the 1995

Oslo agreement on Palestinian self-rule, he replied: "many, many, many," but declined to elaborate.

Palestinian Minister of international Cooperation Nabil Shaath added that "an accord (now) on Hebron is difficult."

"Maybe the number of the disagreements is not large. But there is one point — on the (Israeli) right to hot pursuit — which means a re-occupation of the town of Hebron."

"And this is something we cannot accept. We cannot reach an agreement until Israel withdraws this demand," Mr. Shaath told Egyptian television.

Israel has been demanding the right to send troops

(Continued on page 7)

## Around 350 feared dead in mid-air collision

NEW DELHI (R) — Nearly 350 people were feared dead on Tuesday when a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakhstan airliner collided in mid-air west of New Delhi, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Aviation officials told Reuters there were 312 people, including crew, aboard the Saudi Boeing 747 and 39, including 10 crew, on the other aircraft. "There is hardly any chance of survivors," one official said.

If the toll is confirmed, the air disaster will be among the world's five worst for loss of life and the worst involving two aircraft in flight.

Initial reports were sketchy but one aviation source said: "It was like a bolt of lightning and two streaks of fire descended

## King offers condolences

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a cable to Saudi King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz condoling him over the loss of lives resulting from the collision of a Saudia airliner with a Kazakhstan jet over India. The King also sent two more cables to Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz and Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz condoling them over the crash victims. In addition, the King sent a cable of condolences to Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma.

down to the ground." The collision occurred

(Continued on page 7)

## Ciller ends 'constructive' visit Jordan, Turkey agree to cooperate on defence, fighting terrorism

By Amy Henderson  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Turkish Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller Tuesday concluded a two-day visit saying her talks here on regional and bilateral issues were constructive.

"We had a very beneficial dialogue with His Majesty King Hussein and the meeting with the prime minister (Tuesday morning) has been most beneficial," Dr. Ciller told journalists. "We began to look at problems of the region vis-a-vis the peace process, the latest developments in Iraq and security issues."

Dr. Ciller, who also met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, said that Turkey and Jordan had reached an agreement to fight terrorism and another agreement to form a committee to deal with defence issues.

"We have an excellent rapport (on the issue of terrorism)," she said at a press conference. "And we have come up with an agreement to form a committee to hold various negotiations in three phases to be initiated right after this (visit)."

Prior to her meeting with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Dr. Ciller told reporters that she intended to address regional security issues within the framework of the proposed Organisation for Cooperation in the Middle East (OCME), which Jordan envisages as an inclusive forum for debate and cooperation in the Middle East.

"We feel that just as in Europe, we should be concerned about a security system in the Middle East," Dr. Ciller said. "We should all collaborate. Jordan shares the same values, strategy and vision for security in the Middle East," she said.

Dr. Ciller, who on Monday announced that she expected the reopening of the oil pipeline stretching from Iraq

to Turkey by year's end, also discussed with King Hussein and the prime minister the issue of security and political stability in northern Iraq.

Turkey is fighting secessionist Kurdish elements operating from Iraq's northern territory, staging what Dr. Ciller described as terrorist attacks inside Turkey's borders. The situation has worsened since the Gulf war, Dr. Ciller said, because northern Iraq has almost become "no-man's land" providing a safe haven for separatist elements.

Following September's incidents in northern Iraq, Turkey proposed a "buffer zone" to be manned by Turkish military forces. The plan, which was backed by the United States, was rejected by Arab countries, including Jordan, which support the territorial sovereignty of Iraq.

Asked if this was a point of contention in her discussions with King Hussein and the prime minister, Dr. Ciller replied, "We are faced with exportation of terrorism from outside our borders, from neighbouring countries, one of which is the northern Iraq region. Jordan understands Turkey's difficulties in the endeavour to overcome terrorism," she said.

However, she said, Turkey remains committed to respecting Iraq's national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Dr. Ciller criticised Israel for the opening in September of a tunnel in Jerusalem near the Al Aqsa Mosque, which sparked violent protests by Palestinians in the West Bank. She also criticised settlement expansion in the Palestinian territories.

"We feel that these are negative developments," she said. "We feel that the interim agreements should be adhered to and that all parties that have signed must live up to their

(Continued on page 12)



## Jordan holds Iraqi government fully responsible for killing of ministry staffer

By Rana Hussein

**Special to the Jordan Times**  
AMMAN — The government Tuesday denounced the killing in Iraq of a Jordanian embassy driver in Iraq and stated that it held the Iraqi government fully responsible for the murder.

The government also denounced "the violation of safety and immunity of the diplomatic bag and its bearer as guaranteed by the Vienna Convention," Petra News Agency said.

Omar Ahmed Subeh, 30, was killed Monday on his way to deliver the diplomatic bag to the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad. His vehicle was attacked and looted.

The attack occurred at the Median point between Baghdad and Traibl, the Iraqi check point at the Jordanian border.

According to a senior Ministry of Foreign Affairs official, Mr. Subeh, who was on his weekly routine trip to Baghdad, was found near the highway with two bullets in the chest and one to the head.

The ministry official, Fouad Batayneh, told the Jordan Times Tuesday that a diplomatic bag, which contained 250 blank Jordanian passports and official mail, was missing from the vehicle.

According to Mr. Batayneh, the Jordanian government has urged the Iraqi government to arrest the perpetrators and return the stolen passports.

"We received assurances from the Iraqi government that they have launched investigations into the case," Mr. Batayneh said.

Mr. Subeh's killing was the third such reported incident to happen on Iraqi soils in the past eight months.

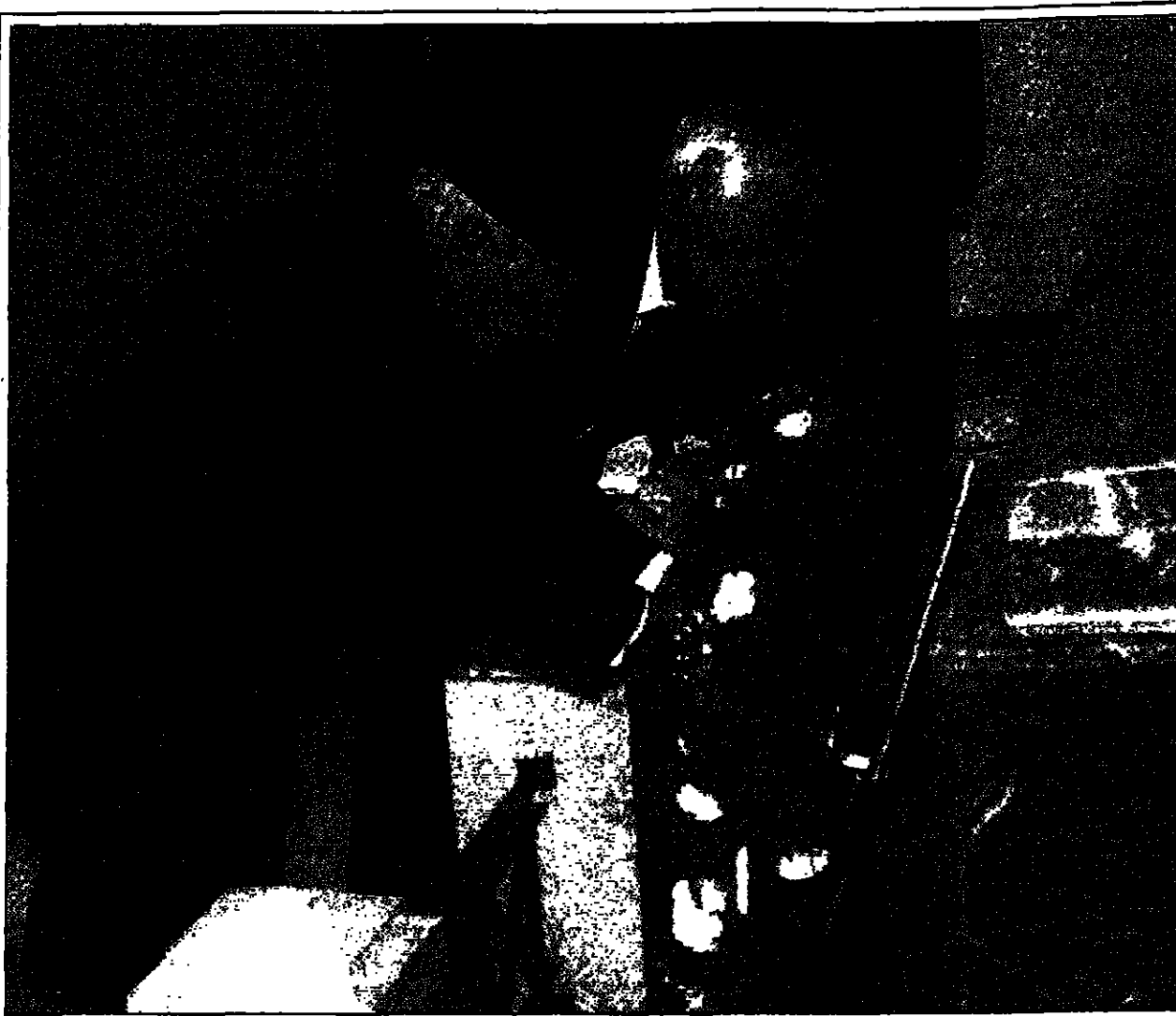
In September, a 25-year-old Jordanian driver was stabbed to death while hauling a cargo to Baghdad when his vehicle was hijacked.

Six months earlier, three Jordanians were brutally murdered in Iraq when seven Iraqis hijacked their truck, shot them, then decapitated the corpses and buried them in the Iraqi desert.

Mr. Subeh's body is expected to arrive today to the Jordanian-Iraqi border, the ministry official said.

The Iraqi government Tuesday condemned the killing of Mr. Subeh.

The Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Nuri Ismael said the Iraqi authorities have launched immediate investigation to find the killer. He said the director of the Iraqi police is personally supervising the search for the murderer.



SUHARTO PLACES WREATH AT THE TOMB OF KING ABDULLAH: Indonesian President Suharto on Tuesday places a wreath at the tomb of King Abdullah, grandfather of His Majesty King Hussein and the founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (Reuters photo)

## Qatari emir enlarges consultative council

DOHA (AFP) — The emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, has enlarged his consultative council to 35 members by appointing six new faces, Qatari newspapers reported Tuesday.

The appointments were made after the emir amended a clause in Qatar's basic law bringing the council's membership to 35 and stipulating that the head of state can name more members in the public interest.

A 20-member council was formed in 1972 and was enlarged to 30 members in 1975, made up mainly of businessmen who can question ministers about laws before they are adopted. Six new members were named because one member died last year and his seat was left vacant.

Sheikh Hamad has informed a number of reforms in the past weeks. Oct. 23 he amended the basic law to establish a separation of powers between the prime minister and the emir. The emir then named his half-brother, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani, as prime minister, a post which the emir had held since independence from Britain in 1971.

Qatar appoints first female under-secretary

Qatar also broke decades of male-dominated government on Tuesday by appointing its first woman to a senior post, an official said.

Sheikh Hamad issued a decree on Tuesday appointing Sheikh Ahmed Al-Mahmoud under-secretary at the ministry of education and culture, said the official.

She had served in the ministry before her appointment. Women in Qatar and other conservative Gulf Arab states have limited roles in senior government positions.

## Iraq attends hearing of U.N. crimes tribunal

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraqi delegates will submit documents to an international "tribunal" meeting in Madrid to hear "crimes committed against humanity" by the United Nations in Iraq, the delegation leader said Tuesday.

The head of the ruling Baath Party's foreign relations department, Saad Qassem Hammoudi, told AFP he would head a four-member delegation which will attend the hearing of the tribunal from Nov. 16-17 in Madrid.

The Iraqi delegates are due in the Spanish capital on Wednesday. He said his delegation "will submit a full document to the court on the harmful effects caused by the embargo in the area of food, education and youth."

## Arab Gulf states threatened by international drug trafficking

DOHA (AFP) — Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states are facing a growing threat from drug trafficking from nearby Afghanistan and also from India, Africa and eastern Europe, international experts warned.

"If you are in the neighbourhood of a drug producing country, you will develop an addiction problem," said Ramachandran Sundaralingam, a consultant on drug trafficking for the International Police Organisation Interpol.

The experience in Pakistan, which shares a border with Afghanistan, could bode ill for Gulf countries.

Islamabad recorded no drug addicts in 1979, but now has 1.5 million of them because of the dramatic surge in opium and heroin production in Afghanistan during the long war, Mr. Sundaralingam said during a conference here.

Drug traffickers, who are diversifying their supply

routes, are taking advantage of a growing number of airports in the Gulf. Nigerian traffickers, for example, ship African heroin to Europe and north America via the Gulf.

Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, where more than 100 grammes of heroin were seized last year, and Riyadh and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, where millions of pilgrims transit, are now on the international drug route.

Traffickers hiding heroin in their bags or clothes may also stop to sell their drugs in the country they are passing through. Mr. Sundaralingam warned. Suspected Tanzanian traffickers were arrested recently in the Omani capital Muscat, even though it is not an international air traffic hub, an anti-drug expert said.

Africa is a market for methamphetamine, a synthetic drug produced

out of the UAE, said Gene Haislip, the deputy assistant administrator at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Methamphetamine, a sedative, is popular in South Africa where it is combined with ganja and smoked under the name "white pipe".

A growing quantity of cannabis produced in Asia is shipped by container through the Suez Canal after transiting through free trade zones in Dubai and elsewhere in the Arabian Peninsula.

"The chemicals needed to turn morphine into heroin or make methamphetamines also pass through the UAE, according to the International Narcotics Control board, a U.N. agency based in Vienna. In major international trading hubs like Dubai, Singapore or Hong Kong, there are always intermediaries who can falsify cargo manifests. Mr. Haislip added.

International organisations

are also concerned about the risk of the laundering of drug money in the Gulf.

Gulf countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, have for the past several years been most concerned about the consumption of, fenetyline, a stimulant like amphetamines.

Made legally in Germany and sold under the name of captagon, fenetyline was first shipped to the Gulf markets. Mr. Haislip said. "It (now) appears that the drug is manufactured in illicit laboratories primarily in Bulgaria."

Saudi Arabia, which beheads drug traffickers, announced that it reported 6.1 million pills seized. Mr. Sundaralingam said.

However, drugs seized in the UAE are usually on their way to the Saudi market, where the authorities have released no figures on the number of drug addicts there, according to an expert who asked not to be named.

## Musa, Levy discuss arrest of Israeli spy

CAIRO (AFP) — Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and his Egyptian counterpart Amr Musa on Tuesday discussed the arrest of an Arab Israeli here on spying charges.

Azzam Azzam was arrested last Wednesday by Egyptian security services at the Baron hotel, in the upmarket northern Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, for alleged involvement in espionage activity.

His arrest followed that of an Egyptian national, Emad Ismail, 35, who was detained on Nov. 2 and allegedly told the authorities he had been recruited

during a trip to Israel, an Egyptian judicial source said.

The pair were ordered detained Monday for 15 days while police investigate the charges, the source said on the eve of the start here of the three-day Middle East and North Africa economic forum.

"Mr. Levy is very concerned by this issue and discussed it at a breakfast meeting with Mr. Musa," a source close to the Israeli delegation to the economic forum said.

Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor meanwhile told reporters

that Israel was "still waiting for information from the Egyptian authorities" concerning Mr. Azzam's fate.

The Israeli embassy in Cairo on Monday confirmed the "disappearance" of Mr. Azzam.

"We are concerned by Mr. Azzam's disappearance and we hope that this mystery will soon be clarified," Mr. Palmor said.

According to the initial investigation, the Israeli intelligence service Mossad recruited Mr. Azzam after the election in May of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

## Libya warns Europe over reaction force

LONDON (R) — Libya has warned Italy, France, Spain and Portugal that it will retaliate against their new rapid reaction force by helping the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in Britain and similar groups in other European countries.

Libyan television reported. Libya viewed the force as a declaration of war, had consulted its Maghreb Union neighbours and Egypt, and had fully mobilised its armed forces, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said in remarks carried by the

television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation late on Monday.

"They are waging war. This is considered a declaration of war by Europe," said Colonel Qadhafi. "I have informed the leaders of the Arab states, whom I contacted yesterday, that we have declared full mobilisation and we will be heading for the shores of the Mediterranean and will have our fingers on the trigger, because that (European) force has been formed and its objective

has been defined. The only thing left was an order to attack our independent states and enter into our homes."

On Saturday, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal constituted a joint rapid reaction force for future use on humanitarian and peacekeeping missions in conflicts like the one now devastating eastern Zaire.

Known as EUROFOR, it would be able to call on up to 10,000 troops depending on the scale of any crisis it was asked to tackle once fully operational.

"European regimes are

themselves shaky. They do not have security and their affairs are unstable," said Col. Qadhafi.

Britain suffers from civil war with bombs and guns in the middle of London between the IRA and the British. This means we will need a force to intervene in Britain and a force to intervene in the European states.

"Indeed, if they do not reconsider their position, we announce here openly that if they were seeking war we will declare it," said the Libyan leaders.

## 19 Turks die in road accident

ANKARA (AFP) — A bus collided head-on with a truck in eastern Turkey, killing 19 people and injuring 37, state-run television said Tuesday.

The accident occurred Monday evening in the Elaziz region. The bus, headed for Istanbul, first struck a tractor and then slammed head on

into the truck, TRT Television said.

3 dead in helicopter crash

Meanwhile, in Athens three crewmen were killed and one reported missing after a Turkish army helicopter crashed Tuesday off the Greek island of Rhodes during a military

exercise, the Greek defence ministry said.

According to the ministry, the helicopter went down at 0140 GMT, 40 nautical miles southeast of Rhodes.

Three bodies have been recovered, a ministry spokesman said. In Ankara, military officials

confirmed that three officers had been killed in the crash and one was missing.

The Augusta helicopter, which had taken off from the Turkish frigate Barbaros, was taking part in regional North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) exercises, the spokesman said.

### JORDAN TELEVISION

Tel. 773111-19

### PROGRAMME TWO

14:05 .....Muppet Show  
14:30 .....Circus  
15:00 .....Jeux .....Pyramide  
15:30 .....Serie .....Les Compagnons de L'Adventure  
16:00 Doc. ....Earth Revealed  
16:30 .....Blizzard Island  
17:00 .....News Flash  
17:02 .....The Adventures and Kelly  
18:00 .....Ushuaia  
19:00 .....Le Journal  
19:15 .....Magazine .....Sports  
19:30 .....News Headlines  
19:35 .....The Four Seasons  
20:00 .....Super Stars of Action  
20:30 .....Challenges  
21:10 .....NBA  
22:00 .....News in English  
22:25 .....Feature film "The Doll Maker"  
23:59 .....Ballet .....Fire and Ice

### PRAYER TIMES

04:38 .....Fajr  
05:57 .....(Sunrise)Duba  
11:20 .....Dhuhr  
14:17 .....Asr  
16:42 .....Maghreb  
18:02 .....Isha

### CHURCHES

St. Mary of Nazareth Church Swifeth, Tel. 810740  
Assemblies of God Church Tel. 632785  
St. Joseph Church Tel. 634590  
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 637440  
De la Salle Church Tel.

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

661757.

Terra Sancta Church Tel. 622366

Anglican Church Tel. 652826

Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331

Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 775261

St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751

Armenian International Church Tel. 827126

Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 824328

German-speaking Evangelical Congregation Tel. 845457

The Latter-Day Saints Tel. 654932

Church of Nazareth Tel. 675691

The Evangelical Local Church in Amman Tel. 811295

English-speaking Latin Catholics Parish Tel. 614190

ity readings: Amman 19 per cent, Aqaba 24 per cent.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### NIGHT DUTY

Dr. Abbas Al Hakim .....855446

Dr. Jamal Jbara .....847351

Dr. Ayman Al Mahasneh .....875748

Dr. Arafat Al Ashhab .....602507

Firas pharmacy .....661912

Ferdows pharmacy .....890280

Al Asema pharmacy .....637055

Yacoub pharmacy .....644945

Shmeisani pharmacy .....637660

Natroukh pharmacy .....623672

Najib pharmacy .....847632

IRBID:

Dr. Mazen Abu Bakir .....276852

IRBID:

Dr. Ys'cob Al Khafif .....989000

Khalifeh pharmacy .....985417

EMERGENCIES

Food Control Centre .....637111

Civil Defence Department .....661111

Civil Defence Immediate Rescue .....630341

Civil Defence Emergency .....199

Rescue Police 192, 621111, 637777

Fire Brigade .....617101

Blood Bank .....775121

Highway Police .....843402

Traffic Police .....896390

Public Security Department .....6672279

Hotel Complaints .....605800

Price Complaints .....661176

Water and Sewerage Complaints .....897467

Amman Municipality Complaints .....787111

Telephone Information (directory assistance) .....121

Overseas Calls .....010230

Central Amman Telephone Repairs .....623101

Abdali Telephone Repairs .....661101

Jordan Television .....773111

Radio Jordan .....774111

Water Authority .....680100

Jordan Electricity Authority .....815615

Electric Power Company .....636381

RJ Flight Information 08-53200

Queen Alia Intl. Airport 08-53200

### HOSPITALS

AMMAN:

Hussala Medical Centre .....813813/32

Khalidi Maternity, 644281/6

Alkheh Maternity, 642441/2

Jabal Amman Maternity .....642362

Malhas, J. Amman .....636140

Palestine, Shmeisani .....607071

Shmeisani Hospital .....669131

University Hospital .....845845

Al-Muasher Hospital .....6672279

The Islamic, Abdali .....666126/37

Al-Ahli, Abdali .....664164/6

Italian, Al-Muhajir .....77101/3

Al-Bashir .....775111/26

Army, Marka .....891611/5

Queen Alia Hospital .....602240/50

Amal Hospital .....674155

The Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery .....865199

ZARQA:

Zarqa Govt. Hospital .....091983323

Zarqa National Hospital .....091900560

Ibn Sina Hospital(09)986732

Al Hikma Modern Hospital (09)990990

IRBID:

Princess Basma Hospital (02)275555

Greek Catholic Hospital (02)72275

Ibn Al Nafees Hospital (02)247100

AQABA:

Princess Haya Hospital (03)314111

### FOR THE TRAVELLER

### QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information department at the Queen Alia International Air-

port Tel. (08)53200 where it should always be verified.

Information on other flights are supplied on phone 08 (532700) or 08(53250).

### ARRIVALS

### Royal Jordanian (RJ)

Flights

07:25 .....Damascus (RJ)

07:35 .....Larnaca (RJ)

08:15 .....Jeddah (RJ)

08:50 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)

14:45 New York, Amsterdam (RJ)

16:25 .....Toronto, Montreal (RJ)

16:35 .....Frankfurt (RJ)

16:45 .....Colombo (RJ)

17:05 .....Paris (RJ)

17:45 .....Madrid, Geneva (RJ)

17:50 .....Brussels, Vienna (RJ)

18:10 .....London, Berlin (RJ)

18:30 .....Rome (RJ)

23:10 .....Beirut (RJ)

00:10 .....Cairo (RJ)

03:55 .....Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)

### Other Flights

09:30 .....Cairo (MS)

10:00 .....Sanaa, Huddidah (1Y)

10:30 .....Jeddah (SV)

12:35 .....Abu Dhabi, Karachi (PK)

12:40 .....Abu Dhabi (GF)

13:30 .....Tunis (TU)

15:05 .....Vienna (OS)

15:30



# Home News

Jordan Times, Wednesday, November 13, 1996

3

## Queen departs for World Food Summit in Rome

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor departed Tuesday for a two-day working visit to Italy, where she will address the World Food Summit in Rome, a Royal Court statement said.

The Queen, who is president of the International Steering Committee on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women (ISC), will represent a committee focusing on rural women's critical role in sustainable food security as well as the need to ensure equal access to basic social services, economic resources and full integration in political, economic and social development spheres.

The ISC is an advocacy group comprised of 15 spouses of heads of states and governments who promote the implementation of the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women through the mobilisation of political will and public opinion as well as the global formulation and implementation of national policies, the statement said.

The World Food Summit will run from Nov. 13-17 and was organised by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to "renew the commitment of world leaders to eradicate hunger and malnutrition and [ensure] the achievement of lasting food

security for all."

According to FAO, nearly 800 million people in developing countries face chronic malnutrition and 200 million children under the age of five suffer from protein and energy deficiencies.

By the year 2030, the organisation maintains, the planet will have to nourish three billion additional people [an amount which] entails increasing food production by more than 75 per cent, the statement said.

The summit will address a range of issues among which are global development and investment in food and agriculture, food security assessment, agricultural research and the impact of food production on the environment.

A broad spectrum of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from all over the world have been involved in the summit preparatory process and in drafting its policy statement and plan of action.

Middle Eastern NGOs have particularly stressed the importance of focusing on the management of the region's natural resources, combating desertification and soil erosion, rationalising water use, technology transfer and research, regional free trade and agricultural investment projects.

According to Minister of Agriculture Mustafa Shneikat, who is heading the Jordanian delegation to the summit, FAO's World Food Programme (WFP) provides assistance for socio-economic projects in more than 90 developing countries, including Jordan.

The WFP has supplied Jordan with \$192 million worth of food aid in addition to \$11 million worth of agricultural inputs used on highland development projects.

The programme's continued assistance has helped Jordan carry out socio-economic plans to ensure food security, fight poverty and improve the environmental and agricultural resources, the statement said.

Recently the WFP approved a \$16 million fund to finance highland development projects (agricultural development) in Jordan between the years 1997 and 2001.

The funds will be apportioned into three projects which emphasise the role of rural women and a certain share will be used to train rural women in skills related to food production in order to help these women supplement their families' income.

The Queen was seen off by members of the Royal Family and Italian Ambassador Francesco Cerulli.

## Sroure receives Turkish MPs

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Saad Hayel Sroure Tuesday received visiting Turkish parliamentarians and called for further Jordanian-Turkish cooperation in parliamentary fields.

Mr. Sroure emphasised the importance of bolstering relations between Amman and Ankara, opining that the two sides have common interests and jointly strive through parliamentary and governmental means to establish harmony in the Middle East.

He lauded Turkey for its key role in ensuring regional stability and expressed hope that it would coordinate with countries in the region to ensure peace and security.

The speaker said that the Kingdom wishes to bolster Turkish-Jordanian parliamentary cooperation through exchanges of joint parliamentary conferences.

The head of the Turkish delegation, accompanying Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller, on her visit to the Kingdom, voiced his country's intention to strengthen relations with Jordan in all fields. He said that the visit to Jordan was bound to further that endeavour.

The two sides engaged in an open discussion regarding regional, bilateral and peace process issues as well as the status of Jerusalem and issues of concern to the Islamic world.

## Princess meets with daughters of visiting Indonesian president

AMMAN (J.T.) — HRH Princess Basma Tuesday met with Hardiyanti Rukmana and Hediati Prabowo, daughters of visiting Indonesian President Haj Ahmad Suharto, a Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF) statement said.

Princess Basma reviewed the status and achievements of Jordanian women as well as their aspirations and future plans as outlined in the National Strategy for Women in Jordan.

The Princess also referred to a recent Cabinet decision considering the Jordanian National Committee for Women (JNCW) as a reference institution for all issues related to women, and delegating it as Jordan's official representative in international and regional women's forums.

She reviewed the duties of the coordinating committee for the non-governmental organisations, a JNCW's affiliated committee, in combining efforts of Jordanian NGOs within the framework of policies and objectives set by JNCW.

The Princess then highlighted the broadlines of Jordan's national plan to implement the recommendations of the 1995 Beijing conference on women as prepared by JNCW.

She briefed the Indonesian women on the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development and its objectives and goals to achieve sustainable devel-



HRH Princess Basma Tuesday meets with Hardiyanti Rukmana and Hediati Prabowo, daughters of visiting Indonesian President Haj Ahmad Suharto (Petra photo)

opment in local communities throughout Jordan.

QAF's mechanism to achieve these objectives is to establish community development centres in various parts of the Kingdom, the Princess said, the total of which currently stands at 50 centres. These centres provide services for children in the pre-school age and various training and awareness programmes for women to upgrade their skills and enable them to improve the living conditions of their families.

Ms. Rukmana and Ms. Prabowo expressed their appreciation for the distin-

guished efforts of the Princess in all fields at both national and international levels, particularly with regard to social development and women-related issues, and stated their hope for further cooperation between the two countries in these areas.

Ms. Rukmana had previously visited Jordan in 1993 at the invitation of Princess Basma, and was acquainted with Jordan's progress and the achievements of Jordanian women.

The President of the Executive Committee of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation Inam Mufti received

the visiting Indonesian women and briefed them on the foundation's activities, programmes and role in helping Jordanian society.

Ms. Mufti explained that the foundation seeks to improve citizens' conditions and livelihoods.

They also called on the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society and were briefed by its President Mohammad Hadid on the society's activities, its philosophy and achievements.

At the end of their tour, Ms. Rukmana and Ms. Prabowo visited Al Hilal Hospital.

## UNRWA donor nations to hold emergency meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Donor nations responsible for financing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), are holding an emergency meeting next month to discuss the agency's budget and ensure sufficient funds to maintain basic services to Palestinian refugees, UNRWA Operations Director Robert Hopkins announced Tuesday.

In a statement reported by the Jordan News Agency, Petra he maintained that the agency continues to face increasing pressure stemming from accumulating debts in its fiscal budget and that he hoped that donor nations will respond favourably to the agency's appeals.

The UNRWA aids Palestinian refugees in health, education and social fields. The donor nations had convened in Amman last September to meet with the agency's Commissioner General Peter Hansen who

appealed for augmented contributions, saying that barring the availability of increased funds, the UNRWA will incur a \$60 million deficit next year.

He also appealed to wealthy Arab states to help the agency financially, noting that the agency currently holds a \$9.3 million budget deficit.

According to Mr. Hopkins, the UNRWA will convene in December in New York auxiliary to the U.N. General Assembly meeting to review earlier pledges made by donor nations regarding the financing of the agency's operations.

He said that Jordan is considered the major donor to the UNRWA and described its contributions as in the form of services to Palestinian refugees especially in the care and maintenance of refugee camps.

Mr. Hopkins said that the donor nations, particularly the U.S. and Japan, had requested that Mr. Hansen

activate changes in the UNRWA administration in order to improve its performance.

The changes were executed last month, during a meeting in Jerusalem, he said, adding that a higher administrative council for the agency would hold a meeting in the coming month to endorse the changes.

Mr. Hopkins said that Jordan-UNRWA relations are excellent and characterised by a high level of cooperation.

He also lauded the Jordanian government's assistance to the agency. The operations director affirmed that in January the UNRWA will begin to halt food aid to eligible refugees and substitute it with cash aid.

It will, however, he said, continue to supply the refugees with basic food supplies such as flour and sugar.

## Suspect in murder of two children to appear in court

By Rana Hussein  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Mazen Masri, Monday formally charged with the murder of his two children last September, is expected to appear at the Criminal Court on Nov. 17, according to judicial sources.

The defendant, 34, confessed to killing his two children, Hanin, eight, and Hani, six, on Sept. 11 and will be asked by Criminal Court Presiding Judge Abdul Ruhman Tawfiq whether he had appointed a lawyer for his defence, the source said.

"If Mr. Masri has, at that point, declined to retain legal counsel, the court will appoint an attorney in his stead," the source said.

Prosecutor General Abdul Aziz Rawashdeh Monday levelled several charges against Mr. Masri among which is listed the premeditated murder of his two children. He also faces three counts of attempted murder.

Mr. Masri confessed on Sept. 25 to poisoning his children with cyanide because of "family problems" and "jealousy" resulting from the children's attachment to their mother.

In his statement to police, Mr. Masri confessed that he had attained cyanide pills in Canada where he was attending a two-week computer training course.

Mr. Masri also confessed to a previous attempt to kill his wife and children while they slept in their apartment, two months before the actual murder occurred.

He claimed to have opened a gas canister and placed it behind a

bedroom door but stated that his wife was awakened by the fumes and subsequently closed the bottle.

On Sept. 11, Hiam Hamoudeh found her two children collapsed in their apartment in the Abu Oneizah Housing Complex when she returned home after giving her husband a ride to work.

She rushed them to Shmeisani Hospital where they were declared dead on arrival.

Forensic examination determined the cause of death to be cyanide poisoning.

Mr. Masri became the prime suspect when he began to contradict previous testimonies made during routine interrogations. After intense and repeated questioning, Mr. Masri confessed in front of his wife and father to killing his two children.

But according to a close relative of the family, when visited by family members in jail, "Mazen (Masri) insisted that he did not kill his two children, charging that he was subjected to psychological torture forcing his confession."

This relative told the Jordan Times Tuesday that two weeks ago his family had appointed Attorney Ahmad Najdawi to defend Mr. Masri in court.

"His family is convinced that he did not kill his children and they resolved to appoint an attorney for his defence," the relative said.

## Police arrest two in shooting death of student

By a Jordan Times  
Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Police announced Tuesday that they are questioning two individuals in connection with the death of a 17-year-old student whose body was found in the Yajouz Forest on Nov. 4, official sources said.

The source said that an intense search and interrogation led authorities to two suspects, but would not elaborate further than identifying both suspects as male.

Official reports had said that the victim, identified only as S.M.A. was wearing a school uniform, and found in the forest with a gunshot wound to the head.

Forensic examination indicated that the woman died from a sole bullet. Evidence of violence or sexual assault was not immediately apparent, the source said.

"At this point we are still questioning the suspects, and within the next few days we are hoping to have an answer," the official said.

Meanwhile, a mother of six, who confessed to police on Oct. 28 that she had abducted a newborn from a hospital cradle shortly after its birth on Sept. 22, was Monday freed on bail.

Sweilleh Prosecutor General Ahmad Qatawneh ordered her release after transferring her case to the Court of First Instance.

The woman, who was not identified, told police that she had kidnapped the child to avert a possible divorce stemming from her apparent inability to bear additional children.

The woman had allegedly attempted unsuccessfully to abduct babies on two previous occasions.

On Sept. 22 the woman reportedly achieved her ends at the King Hussein Medical Centre and allegedly managed to kidnap a baby next to its sleeping mother.

The woman became the chief suspect following an appeal aired during a television programme urging the public to report any spontaneous appearance of newborn babies in their neighbourhood.

The appeal prompted several calls and one of the calls made by an unidentified woman led police to the infant's whereabouts.

The parents of the child, Khalid and Alia Shreideh, were reunited with their infant 35 days after her abduction.

The court is expected to announce a trial date in the next few days.

## Trial postponed in case of columnist accused of bigotry

By Rana Hussein  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The trial of a weekly tabloid newspaper editor and a former deputy, both of whom are charged with undermining national unity, was again postponed yesterday, this time until Dec. 3.

The judge clarified the postponement as due to the absence of the second defendant Dr. Ahmad Oweidi Abbadi who, according to his lawyers, is out of the country performing the Umra (a pilgrimage) in Saudi Arabia.

The first postponement was attributed to the defendants' failure to appear at the Amman Court of First Instance, which is hearing

the case. Dr. Abbadi is also charged with "incitement and fuelling bigotry," regarding an interview he gave to a weekly newspaper, Shihan, concerning the relations between Jordanians and Palestinians. The interview was published in the June 29, 1996 issue.

Attorney Ahmad Habboul filed the case against the former deputy from the Amman Governorate and described remarks Dr. Abbadi made in the interview as "racist" and "undermining national unity."

A statement from the interview, cited by Dr. Abbadi reads as follows: "There are several threats against the Jordanian iden-

ity, both internal and external as Jordan is menaced with becoming a substitute country for the Palestinians," and "Palestinians are not Jordanians under any circumstances."

"I decided to file a case against Dr. Abbadi and the newspaper as this is a sensitive matter concerning all Jordanians," Mr. Habboul told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

Former editor of the weekly Shihan, Jihad Momani, who is now editor of the weekly tabloid Al Bilad is also standing trial on the same charges and also failed to appear in court. No reasons were given for his absence.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Masri inaugurates exhibition

MADABA (Petra) — Minister of Education Munther Masri Tuesday inaugurated a plastic art exhibition held at the Khansaa School on the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday. The exhibition displayed portraits of the King, embroideries and other handicrafts.

### Swedish ambassador visits Karak

KARAK (Petra) — Swedish Ambassador to Jordan Ajneta Bohman Tuesday visited Karak governorate to inspect educational and sanitation projects in Karak.

### Minister attends graduation ceremony

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Abbadi Tuesday attended the graduation ceremony of oric students organised by the Zakat (alms) committee in Hashemi Shamali.

## What's Going On

**FILM**  
\*\*"Comfort and Joy" at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

**SEMINAR**  
\*\*"The Role of Political Parties as a Developmental Tool" with the participation of Dr. Bassam Al Saket and Dr. Munir Hamameh at the Jordan National Gathering at 6:00 p.m.

**JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL**  
\*\*"Sanshiro Sogata" (judo film) at the University of Jordan, Samir Al Rifa'i auditorium at 5:30 p.m. (with subtitles in Arabic).

**LECTURES**  
\*Slide-lecture "The Town of Salt: Heritage between Decay and Preservation" by Ammar Khammash at the Friends of Archaeology Centre (FOA) at 6:00 p.m. (Tel. 696682).  
\* "Al Hussein in the Eyes of World Leaders" by Issa Jarajrah at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman, at 6:00 p.m.

Save water...  
every drop counts



## Muslims, Serbs clash violently in disputed Bosnian village

CELIC. Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFP) — Muslims and Serbs clashed violently in northeast Bosnia Tuesday in a disputed village to which Muslim refugees had tried to return, and a number of people were reported wounded.

The clashes come after a period of calm and as an international conference is due to begin in Paris Thursday to review the situation in Bosnia.

Hundreds of Muslims had attempted to return to their homes in the Serb-held village of Gajevi, near Koraj, Monday but were stopped by Serb police.

Enad Alagic, a Muslim male nurse who spent the night in the village, told AFP that the Serbs opened fire on the refugees Tuesday morning.

"During the night the Serb army came, they surrounded us, they dug trenches and opened fire. At first it was machine-gun fire and then

they opened mortar fire," Mr. Alagic said.

Bosnian government radio also reported that the village had been shelled, as did the Bosnian Serbs — who blamed the Muslims.

U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said that "multiple explosions and gunfire" were heard in the village Tuesday morning. He said there were fewer people there than Monday but "it is not calming down."

Mr. Alagic said that after the shelling, the Serbs entered the village.

"Some 20 or 30 women and men were beaten. The Serbs were wearing black or Serb police uniforms... A group of women were arrested but they were released later," he said.

Bosnian government radio said that four people injured in the clash had been taken for treatment in the Muslim-Croat Federation, while Bosnian Serb Deputy Interior Minister

Major-General Milenko Karisik told Pale radio that two Serbs had been wounded. IFOR helicopters and aircraft were flying over the tense village, and an AFP reporter saw a column of IFOR vehicles heading for the area.

IFOR and U.N. police were deployed in Gajevi Monday after hundreds of Muslims attempted to return to the village, sparking clashes with the Serbs in which a Dutch U.N. police monitor was wounded.

Gajevi is near Serb-held Koraj and Celic is the nearest town in the Muslim-Croat Federation.

The village is close to the former frontline which separates Bosnia's two entities — the Republika Srpska and the Muslim-Croat Federation.

Under the Dayton peace accord, all refugees are entitled to return to their homes. However, there have been several incidents where

Muslim attempts to return to Serb-held territory have led to clashes.

IFOR maintains that refugees should return on the basis of agreed procedures.

In Sarajevo, IFOR spokesman Simon Haselcock described the Muslims' return as "another installment of the campaign to provoke violence in the zone of separation" and "an orchestrated move to discredit established procedures for the return of refugees."

He said that the move was carried out "at best with the acquiescence, at worst, the direct complicity of the Bosnian authorities."

The zone of separation which roughly marks the former frontline between the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Republika Srpska is littered with ghost villages from which the inhabitants were either expelled or fled during three-and-a-half years of bloody fighting.



MEXICO CITY  
EXPLOSION

Smoke billows over two kilometres into the evening sky over Mexico City, as an enormous fire rages after a gasoline tank containing thousands of litres of unleaded petrol blew up Monday. At least 12 people were injured when the storage tank exploded apparently after a fire at a national oil company Pemex storage facility in San Juanico in Mexico State. Firemen were still tackling the blaze hours later as it threatened neighbouring tanks (Reuters photo)

## Latin Americans ask for Cuban reforms

VINA DEL MAR, Chile (R) — Latin America's democratic leaders have issued their clearest collective call yet on the western hemisphere's lone non-elected regime, Cuba, to allow more political freedoms.

As expected, the leaders of 19 nations plus Spain and Portugal went through the motions of condemning the Helms-Burton Law tightening the U.S. embargo on Cuba at an Ibero-American summit in Chile ending Monday.

But in a surprisingly strong statement, they issued a consensus view that no country can call itself a democracy without holding free and fair elections and allowing basic political freedoms.

Dubbed the declaration of Vina Del Mar, the statement said governments should let political parties operate freely, allow "open and transparent" debate and give public and periodic accountings of their actions to their citizens.

After three days of scrupulously avoiding any direct mention of Cuba, some finally admitted what this talk about elections and political freedoms was really referring to.

"The issue of Cuba was not treated in an explicit manner. But any observer realises that it was treated implicitly in the declarations and deliberations," said Venezuelan President Rafael Caldera.

Chilean host and President Eduardo Frei, who set the tone in his opening speech by saying only electoral democra-

cies were "legitimate", called the Vina Del Mar statement the most significant ever adopted at an Ibero-American summit, an annual event since 1991.

"There is no pressure on Cuba. There are differences of opinion about it, and those have been expressed," said one foreign minister, speaking not for attribution.

As if to signal respect for the difference of opinions, Cuban leader Fidel Castro signed the declaration along with the other leaders at the summit's final session.

But in the final hours, he heard a polite but steady drumbeat of calls for reform to the political system he has led since he overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

"Democracy means the same thing for everyone in the whole world and that includes Cuba," said Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres.

Argentine President Carlos Menem compared Mr. Castro unfavourably to former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, saying the latter had allowed Chile to return to democracy while Castro "has led Cuba for 37 years."

Such a comparison would have drawn scorn and shock from Latin American leaders only a few years ago.

"Some of the presidents wanted to express themselves on Cuba. There was a feeling that the best place to do that was in their individual statements," said the foreign minister.

## Guatemala sets final peace accord for Dec. 29

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — Guatemala and leftist rebels said Monday they would sign a peace treaty next month formally ending a 36-year war that has killed more than 100,000 people.

"We have just set the date for putting an end to 36 years of confrontation and that will be the signing of a peace agreement on Dec. 29," President Alvaro Arzu told an Ibero-American summit meeting in Vina Del Mar, Chile, drawing loud applause from leaders of 20 other countries.

In Mexico City, the guerrilla leader who heads the peace negotiating team for the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG), Pablo Monsanto, confirmed the signing "will be on that date and in Guatemala City."

Officials are already plan-

ning a ceremony on Dec. 29 to celebrate the culmination of five years of negotiations to end Central America's last and deadliest civil war in which 100,000 people have died and an estimated 40,000 disappeared.

Deputy Foreign Relations Minister Gabriel Aguilera Peralta told reporters the ministry was making formal invitations to heads of state from around the world to attend the ceremony.

"This is the best gift the president can give the people for the year-end holidays," Carlos Garcia Regas, the president of congress, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Following the presidential announcement in Chile, the United Nations released a statement saying the government and the URNG concluded

talks on a bilateral ceasefire on Monday. The ceasefire, to be signed in Norway in early December, is one of 11 separate accords comprising the final peace treaty.

The two sides will also sign an accord on constitutional and election reforms in Sweden and an agreement on the political future of the URNG in Spain, both in mid-December, according to the U.N. statement.

Until last week, Mr. Arzu had planned on Dec. 15 to sign the final peace treaty, but the date was moved after a recent crisis in the U.N.-brokered talks, which have dragged on since 1991.

The government abruptly suspended negotiations in October after rebel commander Rafael Valdivia was arrested on suspicion of kid-

napping an elderly member of an influential family. Police briefly jailed him but let him go in return for freeing 86-year-old Olga Alvarado de Novella, matriarch of the family that owns Guatemala's only cement company.

After 12 tense days of silence from the government and a series of concessions from guerrilla leaders, talks resumed last weekend.

The guerrilla high command says Mr. Valdivia acted on his own and denies prior knowledge of the kidnapping. But before the talks could get back on track, one of the top four guerrilla leaders, Mr. Valdivia's direct commander, agreed to withdraw from the negotiating table.

Congressional leader Garcia said he was optimistic peace negotiations would not suffer

any further breakdowns.

Many Guatemalans hope peace will attract foreign investment and mark the beginning of an economic revival in this country where more than 80 per cent of the population lives in poverty.

But Mr. Garcia said peace would mean a lot of work for congress and the nation.

"The peace signing means that from that moment on we must resolve the country's most difficult problems such as security, education, health, communications and housing," he said.

According to Mr. Garcia, the 1997 government budget, passed by congress last week, contains a high content of social spending in order to implement agreements contained in the accords.

## Russia ready to retaliate if U.S. fails to release alleged spy

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russia has already prepared retaliatory measures if the U.S. authorities do not release Vladimir Galkin, a Russian citizen and former KGB officer arrested for spying last month, a Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) spokeswoman said here Tuesday.

Tatyana Samolis told ITAR-TASS news agency that the SVR, one of the KGB's successor organisations, wanted Mr. Galkin's unconditional release, but would agree to his release on bail or on an embassy guarantee.

"Russia will then demand his deportation and a recognition by the U.S. special services that they made a mistake," she said.

Mr. Galkin was arrested on Oct. 29 at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, and charged with attempting to gather information related to the U.S. ballistic missile defence programme.

"If it comes to it, we shall resort to retaliatory measures," Ms. Samolis warned, adding that "they will be very tangible."

Without specifying what

measures were envisaged, she said they had already been agreed on with "corresponding bodies." "However, we really don't want to press the button," she added.

Court hearings in the case were scheduled for Tuesday, but ITAR-TASS quoted diplomats as saying the Boston prosecutor had postponed them indefinitely.

On Monday Mr. Galkin's wife Svetlana said she had written to President Bill Clinton in despair, proclaiming her husband's innocence.

## Miss World contestants greeted by guns and roses

BANGALORE. India (AFP) — Miss World contestants and officials jetted in here Tuesday, to be greeted by guns and roses.

Seventeen people were arrested in protests and at least 200 opponents of the beauty contest were moved away from the airport.

Each of the 89 entrants was presented with a bouquet and were assigned a personal bodyguard after flying into Bangalore, capital of the southern state of Karnataka, from the Seychelles.

Police thwarted a planned protest rally by cordoning off roads and surrounding the airport with security personnel.

The contestants were ferried in five coaches to their hotel, with two armed guards in each vehicle and 35 armed commandos also in the convoy.

The pageant, which ends on Nov. 24, has aroused controversy, with Hindu nationalists and radical feminists threatening to disrupt the event.

Bangalore Police Commissioner F.C. Burman said 17 members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), which regards the pageant as a threat to Indian culture, had been arrested outside the airport while another 200 protesters with "go back" banners had been moved on.

"They planned to hold a rally but we foiled them," Mr. Burman said, adding police had also blocked the route between the airport and the hotel with officers stationed at all important crossroads.

Julia Morley, international president of Miss World Inc. and her husband Eric, the co-founder of the event, also arrived to be greeted by state government officials Tuesday morning.

This is the first time India

has hosted the event but the swimwear section had to be switched to the Seychelles following protests.

One feminist organisation, the Mahila Jagran (women's awareness) group, has claimed its members will douse themselves in kerosene and burn to death inside Chinnaswamy Stadium, the venue. Hindu groups claim 100,000 people will lay siege to the city.

Thousands of security personnel have been drafted into Bangalore, with a population of around four million, for the contest.

The Karnataka high court, however, concerned about costs, has ordered the authorities to seek its permission before deploying them.

At their hotel, the Miss World party was greeted by couples dressed in traditional dress from 22 of India's states.

The Bangalore leg of the event was to begin Tuesday with a carnival, art exhibition and fireworks display.

A children's carnival has been slated for Nov. 14, with Miss Photogenic on Nov. 17, Miss Personality on Nov. 19 and the finale at midnight on Nov. 23. A crowning ceremony will take place the next day.

Former Indian film star Amitabh Bachchan, chairman of organisers Amitabh Bachchan Corp. Ltd., has been granted intense security cover for the event.

He has been given a bullet-proof car and two bodyguards, while police have also provided an escort.

Miss World Jersey Global Co. launched the contest in 1951. It was presented in London until 1989, when it moved to Sun City in South Africa.

Indian model Aishwarya Rai was crowned Miss World in 1994.

## Tamil Tigers reject Sri Lanka call for peace talks

COLOMBO (R) — The Tamil Tigers have rejected a conditional offer by Sri Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga to resume peace talks to end the country's 13-year-old ethnic war, a Tamil separatist radio station said Tuesday.

The Liberation Tigers Of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) saw "nothing new" in the president's insistence that talks could be resumed only if the rebels indicate their willingness to lay down arms and agree to a fixed and limited time frame for the dialogue, said LTTE radio, monitored in northern Sri Lanka.

The latest exchange over the long-stalled peace talks

took place as the Sri Lankan navy reported it had destroyed four LTTE boats and killed as many as 30 rebels Monday near the northern city of Jaffna.

The Tiger rebels were preparing to mount suicide attacks on navy installations at Kankesanthurai harbour on the Jaffna peninsula, the navy said.

The LTTE, which often disputes government accounts of clashes, was not immediately available for comment.

In an interview with the state-owned Sunday Observer newspaper, Mr. Kumaratunga renewed the call for talks with the Tigers to end their war for an inde-

pendent homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka. Talks were last held in early 1995.

Sri Lanka was open to the idea of third party mediation, the president said.

The two conditions were necessary because the Tigers had reneged on previous ceasefires and used the time to regroup and prepare for further hostilities, she said.

"We gave them almost everything they wanted, but they kicked us in the teeth," Mr. Kumaratunga said in the interview.

"Now it is clear that unless (LTTE Chief Velupillai) Prabhakaran is so weakened that he has no

other option, they are not likely to seriously enter into a dialogue," she said.

The government has mounted several major offensives against the rebels, capturing their northern Jaffna peninsula stronghold and confining the Tigers largely to jungle bases.

Defence spending this year has soared to almost 50 billion rupees (\$877 million), compared with 32 billion rupees (\$561 million) in 1995.

Colombo has said it wants to weaken the rebels militarily and force them back to the negotiating table in an effort to end the war, in which the government says

more than 50,000 people have died. The LTTE says the toll is much higher.

On Monday a senior opposition lawmaker told a news conference the government's strategy was sending "conflicting signals" on the ethnic war.

"If you want peace, you have to prepare to negotiate with the LTTE," said Ronnie De Mel, a former finance minister and senior lawmaker from the opposition United National Party.

"One day you are going all out to finish off the LTTE...the next day (the president) comes and says 'I have not given up on the idea of negotiating with the LTTE.'"

legacy," he said.

He argued that the Congress, now only the second strongest party in India's Lok Sabha or lower house of parliament after being overtaken by the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), had fuelled factionalism.

His argument seemed to be underlined at Monday's function, held to mark the 108th anniversary of the death of former party leader Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, as two

Congress politicians had to be stopped from brawling following an argument.

Congress spokesman Vithal Gadgil stressed the speech was not an attack on his predecessor Rao, whose face is often seen on huge posters in New Delhi.

He added Mr. Kesri's speech had been well received, adding that the trend of worshipping personalities had been growing in Indian politics in recent years.

## 'Personality cult' trends bane of top Indian party — Congress chief

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The new leader of India's Congress (I) Party has banned his portrait being used on posters and called for an immediate end to "personality cult" politics, newspapers reported Tuesday.

Sitaram Kesri, who became Congress president in Sept. 23 when he replaced disgraced former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, said such "sycophancy" had ruined the party.

Mr. Kesri, speaking at a

party function Monday, said: "Stop fostering the personality cult and sycophancy. These have greatly damaged the organisation."

"This is not Congress culture."

The 77-year-old has been handed the job of reviving the Congress, which was routed in elections earlier this year after dominating Indian politics for almost 50 years.

The rise of regional parties in India, as well as a string of Congress corruption scandals

— Mr. Rao is currently facing trial for forgery, bribery and fraud — have been blamed for the party's dramatic slump.

But Mr. Kesri argued the party had also betrayed the legacy of its greatest leaders, among them freedom campaigner Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. India's first prime minister after independence in 1947, by concentrating on leaders rather than policies.

"I want to carry forward that

Christopher Reeve steps towards tomorrow

LOS ANGELES (AFP)

Being in a wheelchair has not deterred Christopher Reeve from pursuing his career as an actor. For the first time since his riding accident more than a year ago, the 44-year-old star appeared in the CBS Sunday, the television movie "Superman: The Movie," which he played a quadriplegic who conquers his physical handicap to become a superhero. Reeve also expanding his professional horizons by directing the HBO cable movie "In The Gloaming," about a young homosexual AIDS patient who wants to spend his last days with his parents.

Michael Jackson arrives in Sydney

SYDNEY (AFP)

Around 1,000 cheering fans greeted U.S. pop star Michael Jackson when he arrived here Tuesday for his Australian leg of a world tour. Jackson, who flew in from New Zealand, arrived in a black van escorted by about 20 security guards assisted by police. A large crowd gathered at the entrance to the Sheraton Hotel in the Park Hotel in central Sydney. Jackson, who last visited Australia in 1987, has two show dates on Thursday and Saturday at the Sydney City Entertainment Ground. From there he is to tour moves to Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide before winding up in Perth, his last concert on Dec. 19.

Fergie says she was framed

LONDON (AFP)

Duchess of York's royal courtiers had "done a job" on her which led her disgrace over the notorious toe-sucking picture with her financial adviser, she says in her new biography. After publishing the biography of Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, she says in an extract from the book published in the week's Hello! magazine, "My suspicion told me that 'the firm' (royal family) colluded with the press by leaking details of my whereabouts." "As I saw it, the firm had done a job on me and done it well," she says.

'Ransom' drops Shakespeare from box office top slot

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Mel Gibson's star power propelled "Ransom" to top of the weekend U.S. ticket sales. The film about a father who kidnaps his son's kidnappers pushed William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" out of the top spot. "Ransom" averaged more than \$13,000 per screen, nearly three times the average for "Romeo and Juliet," according to industry estimates. Sunday "Romeo and Juliet" averaged \$8,800 in ticket sales in third place with \$11.5 million. The film opened Wednesday and had \$11.5 million in the five-day period. "First Wives Club" was sixth place with \$2.5 million and, with \$2 million over eight weeks, was closing in on the \$10 million mark.





## Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published in English by the Jordan Press Foundation  
 مؤسسة الصحافة الأردنية

Chairman of the Board of Directors:  
 MAHMOUD AL KAYED

Director General:  
 MOHAMMAD AMAD

Editor-in-Chief:  
 GEORGE S. HAWATMEN

Editorial and advertising offices:  
 Jordan Press Foundation,  
 University Road, P.O. Box 6710, Amman, Jordan.

Telephone: 684311, 699634

Telex: 21497 ALRAJ JO

Facsimile: 696183

The Jordan Times is published daily except Fridays.  
 Subscription and advertising rates are available from the  
 Jordan Times advertising department.

### Warmth towards Indonesia

THE STATE visit of Indonesian President Suharto to Jordan and his talks with His Majesty King Hussein promise not only to expand bilateral relations but also to open new horizons in cooperation between two central countries in different regions of the world. Indonesia is a gateway to other Asian countries in the Far East, a leading member of the Non-Aligned Movement and, being the largest Muslim nation on Earth, a principal partner in the Organisation of Islamic Conference. When these features are added to the growing strength of Indonesia as an economic giant they make it a powerful country which has many roles to play in the international arena. Jordan, on the other hand, plays a key geopolitical role in the Middle East despite its small size and population. Its centrality for developing Indonesia's relations with this part of the world cannot therefore be overemphasised.

But we in Jordan do not look at Indonesia just as a regional power in East Asia. We view her as a close and friendly state with which we have enjoyed a common religion and intertwined historical links. This makes our bilateral ties first and foremost fraternal ones which are constructed on mutual goals and aspirations. No doubt President Suharto's talks in Amman will reinforce the trend to work together for a long time to come.

There is obviously some space for improvement in relations on the economic front. The volume of trade between our two countries is indeed small with the latest figures showing Indonesia importing only JD38 million worth of goods, mainly phosphate and potash, and Jordan importing commodities valued at more than JD59 million. Needless to say that trade can be increased especially since Indonesia used to import more phosphate and potash from the Kingdom in past years. Likewise, Jordan's imports from Indonesia can go up as well. The signing of an economic cooperation agreement during the current visit of the Indonesian president augurs well for such development, just as the fact that his trip was preceded by the arrival of a high-ranking public and private sector business delegation in fact did.

On the political front, and while not denying the existence of radical Islamists both here in the Middle East and in the Far East, the two countries can work together to counter the growing Islamophobia that has in recent years distorted the image of Islam and strained relations between the West and some Islamic countries. The two members of the Non-Aligned Movement can coordinate to rekindle the flame of the movement and make it a moral force that would defend the interests of the less-privileged, mostly Muslim nations of Asia and Africa. Highly respected and experienced statesmen like King Hussein and President Suharto have moral authorities that can be very wisely employed for the realisation of a better life for Muslims in particular and a better world in general.

The Indonesian president and his delegation have no doubt heard many words of warm welcome from the Jordanian leadership. They should know that Jordan as a whole shares warm feelings towards their country.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

INDICATIONS point to the fact that the Cairo economic summit is not expected to be successful as the participating countries are not showing real enthusiasm for it, according to Mohammed Kharoub, a writer for Al Ra'i. The Casablanca and the Amman economic meetings of 1994 and 1995 respectively, showed clearly that economic progress is closely linked to political and political developments in the region, he said, noting that under the present circumstances and the deadlocked peace process nothing much can be expected from the Cairo summit. Only political stability can create a climate opportune for economic investments and prosperity, but this is regrettably non-existent due to Israel's practices and its intransigent position with regard to peace with the Palestinians and the rest of the Arab countries in the region, said the writer. Observers can see that there is no chance at all for economic and trade exchanges with the Jewish state, not only because there is no progress in the peace process but because the Israelis are blocking the implementation of their own deal with Jordan and Palestine. said the writer. Investors, the writer added, are not encouraged to bring in capital and embark on projects unless they are certain of good returns and continued stability and security for their business to thrive.

DUSTOUR daily discussed Turkish-Jordanian cooperation in political and economic fields, expressing the view that close coordination between the two sides is bound to benefit the whole region and its future and will contribute to stability and progress for its people. Turkey's Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller's remarks at a meeting with the Jordanian business community showed that Turkey is optimistic and hopeful over the coming stage of close cooperation with Jordan, said the daily. Indeed, vast opportunities for trade and economic exchanges exist between Ankara and Amman, according to Ms. Ciller who said that Turkey can serve as a bridge for Jordan to reach the various countries around the Black Sea and that Jordan can serve as a bridge for Turkey to reach the Arab world.

Turkish-Jordanian relations over the past decade have been progressing in economic domains despite the turbulence witnessed in the Middle East but, said the paper, further achievements can only be made in an atmosphere of peace and security for which the peoples of the region yearn and hope to enjoy.

### Washington Watch

## U.S. elections — victories for the Arab Americans

By Dr. James Zogby

BY ANY measure, 1996 was an extraordinary year for Arab Americans in politics. From the Arab American Institute's (AAI) National Leadership Conference, in November of 1995, through the Nov. 5 presidential election, Arab Americans established new markers on their path to political empowerment. While the 1995 conference, Arab American involvement in the presidential campaigns, and the Republican and Democratic conventions were impressive, Arab Americans accorded their most significant accomplishments to date in the November elections. In California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Virginia, Arab Americans were full participants at every level of the electoral process — as candidates, campaign officials, donors, volunteers and voters.

The Arab American voter turnout was higher than the national average. AAI voter surveys and polling shows that over 60 per cent of Arab Americans voted — in targeted areas where voter mobilisation efforts were organised the voter turnout was as high as 70 per cent.

Arab Americans voted for President Bill Clinton by a 53 per cent to 34 per cent margin, higher than the national average of 49 per cent to 41 per cent. In the Midwest and East, home to almost two thirds of the Arab American community, the president's margin among Arab Americans was a substantial 60 per cent to 28 per cent.

When the 105th Congress convenes on Jan. 6, 1997, there will be six Arab American members of Congress. All four sitting Arab American members were reelected. To their ranks we now add Chris John, a Democrat from Louisiana, and John Sununu, Jr., a Republican from New Hampshire. Sununu is the son of the former Chief-of-Staff of President George Bush.

An additional 22 Arab Americans were elected to state and local offices. Noteworthy is the victory of Marianne Yared, from Michigan, who won 1.7 million votes in her campaign for the State Board of Education.

In all these campaigns, Arab Americans were not only the candidates; the Arab American community turned out to volunteer, to contribute, and to vote. In fact, a new political action committee was formed this year by some Arab American leaders specifically to raise campaign contributions for Arab American candidates for national and local offices.

Overall, Arab American fundraising increased in 1996, with Arab Americans making record contributions to candidates and parties. In addition to supporting Arab American candidates, the community worked hard in a number of other elections around the country. In a few close races Arab Americans provided contributions, votes, and have assisted in the victories of their favourite candidates.

What is significant to note here is the difference between 1996 and 1986. Ten years ago, I co-authored a study called "The Politics of Exclusion" — a report on how, in several instances, some candidates and parties excluded Arab American political involvement. And how, in a few cases, the involvement of Arab Americans and support for Palestinian rights was used as campaign issues against a candidate. For the most part, this did not occur in 1996. But when it did occur, the candidates stood firm by their Arab American supporters and remained firm in their support for Palestinian rights; and they won.

Arab Americans made a difference in these campaigns and emerged as a trustworthy, hard-working and productive political constituency. As a result we have buried the legacy of the 1980s.

An important article in the New York Times two weeks ago discussed the growing importance of the Arab American vote and pointed to increased recognition being given to our community by the White House and leaders in both political parties. The article discussed how there are emerging voter blocs that are being considered crucial for victories in big states: "Asian Americans in California, Mexican Americans in the South West, Russian and Caribbean Americans in New York, and the Arab Americans in Michigan."

In 1996, Arab Americans showed that this recognition is well-deserved. This is not to say that all of our community's problems have been solved, or that we will not be attacked in the future. What has become increasingly clear, however, is that Arab Americans are developing both the political muscle and the experience needed to address problems and in some cases resolve them.

Several examples of this growing Arab American political sophistication were in evidence during the past week.

A Michigan newspaper and the Republican Party attempted to make an issue of the fact that several prominent Iraqi Americans made contributions to the Democratic Party.

Although all of the individuals were U.S. citizens, the Republican Party spokesperson referred to the incident as "tainting" the pattern we're seeing of foreign contributions to influence U.S. foreign policy.

Arab American efforts have been successful thus far in securing a new article in the Michigan paper that corrects the record and in defending the right of Arab Americans to donate to the Democratic Party.

At the same time, Arab Americans nationally and in New Jersey were able to mount a press campaign against New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman's proposed trade mission to Israel which was to have included a visit to the tunnel entrance recently opened next to the Haram Al Sharif. As a result of our campaign and our meetings with the governor's staff, this site visit has now been cancelled and the governor will meet with Palestinian trade representatives to discuss the possibilities of New Jersey-Israeli trade.

Arab Americans will face other challenges in the areas of civil liberties, community relations and foreign policy concerns. But in each instance the lesson of '96 and the record of the past ten years will not be forgotten. Arab Americans have discovered that politics is the key to empowerment — and that by becoming a recognised political constituency Arab Americans will be more protected, more respected and better able to have their voices heard and concerns met.

A final note: The headline in the Nov. 7, 1996 USA Today newspaper said it all: "At last one pollster was right on target." The article noted that of all the nation's pollsters, only one called the presidential election exactly. John Zogby, who has polled for the Arab American Institute and this newspaper, has now established himself as one of the nation's best political pollsters. John is the pollster for the widely respected Reuters News Agency. He has also polled for the New York Post, Fox Television Network, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

John not only called the presidential election correctly, he was also right on nine other Senate and Congressional races.

On one occasion when John first began his polling, he was dismissed as "that Arab pollster." After 1996, his work will no longer be dismissed.

Not being an economist myself, I might have been bamboozled by such specious arguments, had it not been for my awareness and faith that Jordanian economists know better, and their superior knowledge propels them to maintain a salary scale far below any realistic measure of the cost of living.

You see, our economists have our best interest at heart. Therefore, they know better than us mere consumers, mortals that we are, that a steady salary is not the answer. This knowledge, essentially produced or imported for us, which protects us from the inefficiency of any home specially having to make a choice.

As for non-essentials, the Jordanian consumer is protected from exploitation by greedy money-grabbing manufacturers and traders by the fact that he has no money to grab in the first place.

For the uninitiated, let me explain that Mr. and Mrs. Jordanian middle-class, assuming that both are professionals and, however, there are also employed in a managerial capacity, might net a combined income of eight to nine hundred dollars, less if they are employed in the public sector. Assume further that these people had the sense to keep the size of their family down to two children, as opposed to five, which is the national average. Consider, then, the cost of the basic consumption basket of 30 items a night was falling accommodation, essential food products, clothes, and medical care, and you find that people are hard put to meet it, let alone have a bit left for savings or entertainment. But this is not the full picture.

In their infinite generosity, Jordanian employers request you to exist within the confines of a certain premises until 2:30 p.m., whereupon you are free to go moonlighting for an extra two hundred dinars. Moreover, it is assumed that the urban Jordanian has an extended family somewhere in the countryside, which provides him with olive oil and olive oil, so he only needs to buy bread to complete his diet. Even with the restructured and more efficient method of subsidising bread which must not be mistaken for a price rise, the salary is generous. But such thinking misses the point.

You see, our economists clearly believe that a money does not buy you happiness, so they seek to keep Jordanians happy by making sure that they never have any money.

THE DESECRATION of cemeteries is a moral as well as a legal crime the world over. Cemeteries everywhere are regarded as sites of special and inviolable status. The desecration, let alone the destruction, of Jewish cemeteries in Europe and elsewhere have rightly met with public outrage and were vigorously condemned as an act of anti-Jewish racism.

The same criteria should apply to the desecration of Muslim and Christian cemeteries in Israel, notably the destruction of Muslim cemeteries by the various ministries of the government and municipal authorities in Israel and bodies delegated to their behalf.

We wish to protest in the strongest terms against the decision of the Municipality of Nataniyah to proceed with public works near Bar Ilan school after it transpired that these works are carried out in the area of the Muslim Um Khalid cemetery.

Um Khalid was a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948. All its inhabitants, some 1,000 people in total, became refugees in the wake of the 1948 war.

The desecration and the destruction of Palestinian cemeteries by the Israeli authorities has become common action. Such actions not only insult and injure the feelings of surviving relatives, but also remove important remaining physical evidence to the act of mass transfer and "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against the Palestinian people by the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in 1948, and seem to aim to remove the Palestine refugees of 1948 from the collective memory and the historical record of the state of Israel.

It should be noted that many public and private buildings in Israel were constructed on desecrated Muslim and Christian cemeteries, including the sports hall of the Bar Ilan school above.

To add insult to injury, this latest act of desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery was carried out, probably by default, in the week when the 40th anniversary of the Kufir Qasim massacre (of Oct. 29, 1956) was commemorated.

We demand that the Municipality of Nataniyah, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Religious Affairs place all Muslim and Christian cemeteries and places of worship in Israel on an equal administrative, regulatory and legal footing as Jewish cemeteries and places of worship.

We demand that the desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery be stopped immediately and that such parts of the cemetery that can be rehabilitated be fenced off without delay.

### Propitious pauperisation

By Ali Kassar

Last week I referred to a most instructive seminar which I had the fortune to attend, on competitiveness in the Middle East. We were told by Professor Michael Porter, the great mind of the Harvard Business School, that a crucial factor in the development of competitive industry in a country is the presence of sophisticated demand. This means a consumer with a choice of products, and enough money in his pocket to select the one that suits him best.

The importance of sophisticated demand is that it gives the producer the only reliable indication of the quality of his product, namely, the consumer's choice. Should the consumer find a certain product incompatible with his desires and needs, the producer would have to improve the product's quality or he would not survive in the market.

Not being an economist myself, I might have been bamboozled by such specious arguments, had it not been for my awareness and faith that Jordanian economists know better, and their superior knowledge propels them to maintain a salary scale far below any realistic measure of the cost of living.

You see, our economists have our best interest at heart. Therefore, they know better than us mere consumers, mortals that we are, that a steady salary is not the answer. This knowledge, essentially produced or imported for us, which protects us from the inefficiency of any home specially having to make a choice.

As for non-essentials, the Jordanian consumer is protected from exploitation by greedy money-grabbing manufacturers and traders by the fact that he has no money to grab in the first place.

For the uninitiated, let me explain that Mr. and Mrs. Jordanian middle-class, assuming that both are professionals and, however, there are also employed in a managerial capacity, might net a combined income of eight to nine hundred dollars, less if they are employed in the public sector. Assume further that these people had the sense to keep the size of their family down to two children, as opposed to five, which is the national average. Consider, then, the cost of the basic consumption basket of 30 items a night was falling accommodation, essential food products, clothes, and medical care, and you find that people are hard put to meet it, let alone have a bit left for savings or entertainment. But this is not the full picture.

In their infinite generosity, Jordanian employers request you to exist within the confines of a certain premises until 2:30 p.m., whereupon you are free to go moonlighting for an extra two hundred dinars. Moreover, it is assumed that the urban Jordanian has an extended family somewhere in the countryside, which provides him with olive oil and olive oil, so he only needs to buy bread to complete his diet. Even with the restructured and more efficient method of subsidising bread which must not be mistaken for a price rise, the salary is generous. But such thinking misses the point.

You see, our economists clearly believe that a money does not buy you happiness, so they seek to keep Jordanians happy by making sure that they never have any money.

THE DESECRATION of cemeteries is a moral as well as a legal crime the world over. Cemeteries everywhere are regarded as sites of special and inviolable status. The desecration, let alone the destruction, of Jewish cemeteries in Europe and elsewhere have rightly met with public outrage and were vigorously condemned as an act of anti-Jewish racism.

The same criteria should apply to the desecration of Muslim and Christian cemeteries in Israel, notably the destruction of Muslim cemeteries by the various ministries of the government and municipal authorities in Israel and bodies delegated to their behalf.

We wish to protest in the strongest terms against the decision of the Municipality of Nataniyah to proceed with public works near Bar Ilan school after it transpired that these works are carried out in the area of the Muslim Um Khalid cemetery.

Um Khalid was a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948. All its inhabitants, some 1,000 people in total, became refugees in the wake of the 1948 war.

The desecration and the destruction of Palestinian cemeteries by the Israeli authorities has become common action. Such actions not only insult and injure the feelings of surviving relatives, but also remove important remaining physical evidence to the act of mass transfer and "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against the Palestinian people by the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in 1948, and seem to aim to remove the Palestine refugees of 1948 from the collective memory and the historical record of the state of Israel.

It should be noted that many public and private buildings in Israel were constructed on desecrated Muslim and Christian cemeteries, including the sports hall of the Bar Ilan school above.

To add insult to injury, this latest act of desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery was carried out, probably by default, in the week when the 40th anniversary of the Kufir Qasim massacre (of Oct. 29, 1956) was commemorated.

We demand that the Municipality of Nataniyah, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Religious Affairs place all Muslim and Christian cemeteries and places of worship in Israel on an equal administrative, regulatory and legal footing as Jewish cemeteries and places of worship.

We demand that the desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery be stopped immediately and that such parts of the cemetery that can be rehabilitated be fenced off without delay.

750 mi

FAO m

Propitious pauperisation

By Ali Kassar

Last week I referred to a most instructive seminar which I had the fortune to attend, on competitiveness in the Middle East. We were told by Professor Michael Porter, the great mind of the Harvard Business School, that a crucial factor in the development of competitive industry in a country is the presence of sophisticated demand. This means a consumer with a choice of products, and enough money in his pocket to select the one that suits him best.

The importance of sophisticated demand is that it gives the producer the only reliable indication of the quality of his product, namely, the consumer's choice. Should the consumer find a certain product incompatible with his desires and needs, the producer would have to improve the product's quality or he would not survive in the market.

Not being an economist myself, I might have been bamboozled by such specious arguments, had it not been for my awareness and faith that Jordanian economists know better, and their superior knowledge propels them to maintain a salary scale far below any realistic measure of the cost of living.

You see, our economists have our best interest at heart. Therefore, they know better than us mere consumers, mortals that we are, that a steady salary is not the answer. This knowledge, essentially produced or imported for us, which protects us from the inefficiency of any home specially having to make a choice.

As for non-essentials, the Jordanian consumer is protected from exploitation by greedy money-grabbing manufacturers and traders by the fact that he has no money to grab in the first place.

For the uninitiated, let me explain that Mr. and Mrs. Jordanian middle-class, assuming that both are professionals and, however, there are also employed in a managerial capacity, might net a combined income of eight to nine hundred dollars, less if they are employed in the public sector. Assume further that these people had the sense to keep the size of their family down to two children, as opposed to five, which is the national average. Consider, then, the cost of the basic consumption basket of 30 items a night was falling accommodation, essential food products, clothes, and medical care, and you find that people are hard put to meet it, let alone have a bit left for savings or entertainment. But this is not the full picture.

In their infinite generosity, Jordanian employers request you to exist within the confines of a certain premises until 2:30 p.m., whereupon you are free to go moonlighting for an extra two hundred dinars. Moreover, it is assumed that the urban Jordanian has an extended family somewhere in the countryside, which provides him with olive oil and olive oil, so he only needs to buy bread to complete his diet. Even with the restructured and more efficient method of subsidising bread which must not be mistaken for a price rise, the salary is generous. But such thinking misses the point.

You see, our economists clearly believe that a money does not buy you happiness, so they seek to keep Jordanians happy by making sure that they never have any money.

THE DESECRATION of cemeteries is a moral as well as a legal crime the world over. Cemeteries everywhere are regarded as sites of special and inviolable status. The desecration, let alone the destruction, of Jewish cemeteries in Europe and elsewhere have rightly met with public outrage and were vigorously condemned as an act of anti-Jewish racism.

The same criteria should apply to the desecration of Muslim and Christian cemeteries in Israel, notably the destruction of Muslim cemeteries by the various ministries of the government and municipal authorities in Israel and bodies delegated to their behalf.

We wish to protest in the strongest terms against the decision of the Municipality of Nataniyah to proceed with public works near Bar Ilan school after it transpired that these works are carried out in the area of the Muslim Um Khalid cemetery.

Um Khalid was a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948. All its inhabitants, some 1,000 people in total, became refugees in the wake of the 1948 war.

The desecration and the destruction of Palestinian cemeteries by the Israeli authorities has become common action. Such actions not only insult and injure the feelings of surviving relatives, but also remove important remaining physical evidence to the act of mass transfer and "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against the Palestinian people by the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in 1948, and seem to aim to remove the Palestine refugees of 1948 from the collective memory and the historical record of the state of Israel.

It should be noted that many public and private buildings in Israel were constructed on desecrated Muslim and Christian cemeteries, including the sports hall of the Bar Ilan school above.

To add insult to injury, this latest act of desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery was carried out, probably by default, in the week when the 40th anniversary of the Kufir Qasim massacre (of Oct. 29, 1956) was commemorated.

We demand that the Municipality of Nataniyah, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Religious Affairs place all Muslim and Christian cemeteries and places of worship in Israel on an equal administrative, regulatory and legal footing as Jewish cemeteries and places of worship.

We demand that the desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery be stopped immediately and that such parts of the cemetery that can be rehabilitated be fenced off without delay.

Following is a public statement issued by the National Committee for the Defence of the Rights of the Uprooted People in Israel.

THE DESECRATION of cemeteries is a moral as well as a legal crime the world over. Cemeteries everywhere are regarded as sites of special and inviolable status. The desecration, let alone the destruction, of Jewish cemeteries in Europe and elsewhere have rightly met with public outrage and were vigorously condemned as an act of anti-Jewish racism.

The same criteria should apply to the desecration of Muslim and Christian cemeteries in Israel, notably the destruction of Muslim cemeteries by the various ministries of the government and municipal authorities in Israel and bodies delegated to their behalf.

We wish to protest in the strongest terms against the decision of the Municipality of Nataniyah to proceed with public works near Bar Ilan school after it transpired that these works are carried out in the area of the Muslim Um Khalid cemetery.

Um Khalid was a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948. All its inhabitants, some 1,000 people in total, became refugees in the wake of the 1948 war.

The desecration and the destruction of Palestinian cemeteries by the Israeli authorities has become common action. Such actions not only insult and injure the feelings of surviving relatives, but also remove important remaining physical evidence to the act of mass transfer and "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against the Palestinian people by the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in 1948, and seem to aim to remove the Palestine refugees of 1948 from the collective memory and the historical record of the state of Israel.

It should be noted that many public and private buildings in Israel were constructed on desecrated Muslim and Christian cemeteries, including the sports hall of the Bar Ilan school above.

To add insult to injury, this latest act of desecration of the Um Khalid cemetery was carried out, probably by default, in the week when the 40th anniversary of the Kufir Qasim massacre (of Oct. 29, 1956) was commemorated.

We demand that the Municipality of Nataniyah, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Religious Affairs place all Muslim and Christian cemeteries and places of worship in Israel on an equal administrative, regulatory and legal footing as Jewish cemeteries and places of worship.



# Features

*'If the international community fails to combat poverty, 750 million humans will be chronically undernourished in 15 years' time'*

## FAO meeting to underline need to increase food production

By Helmut Nagelschmitz

**BONN/ROME** — The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has invited heads of state and government to a summit conference in Rome in 1996 with the aim of achieving global consensus at the highest level on the eradication of hunger. It takes place from Nov. 13 to 17 at the FAO headquarters in Rome. Participants are asked to approve a joint statement and a plan of action on combating hunger.

In Bonn, the Federal German Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry, Jochen Borchert, stressed the major role played by agriculture in the survival of the human race. "Food production will have to increase by more than 75 per cent in the next 30 years if it is to keep pace with population growth. We must be ready by the year 2025 to feed around nine billion people compared to the present 5.8 billion," said FAO General Secretary Jacques Diouf.

He pointed to current worries over declining world grain production and reserves, rising grain prices and declining food aid. Mr. Diouf went on: "It is unacceptable that starvation and undernourishment are still blocking development for around 20 per cent of the world population — and this in an age in which we are flying to the moon and exploring other planets." The FAO says that, in the developing countries alone, some 800 million people are

chronically undernourished. They include 200 million children. Millions more are poorly fed and have no access to clean drinking water. In the Third World, one person in five cannot obtain his or her daily food requirement; south of the Sahara in Africa, two in five do not have enough to eat. But starvation and undernourishment cannot be abolished through food aid alone. What is needed is to boost the planting of foodstuffs in the affected countries so as to

raise their self-dependence levels. FAO experts estimate that, if the international community and national governments fail to combat the main cause of undernourishment — poverty — 750 million humans will still be chronically undernourished in 15 years' time. In Africa, it can be expected that the number of undernourished people will rise by 50 per cent, to 300 million, by the year 2010. "The world can neither afford nor permit this," is the

view expressed in Germany. FAO has invited heads of state and government to a summit because practical solutions and action at local, national and international levels are not only possible but urgently necessary. The conference could be an important milestone on the road to giving every human being his or her right to enough food. The summit's motto will be "Food for All." It will not be a donors' conference to raise financial assistance; neither will it be a

platform for creating new bureaucratic institutions. In the Federal Republic of Germany, just under 600,000 farms of the most varied sizes work about 17 million hectares of land. The large agricultural units of the former Communist East Germany have been privatised, creating more than 28,000 farming units with every possible legal form. One in every two farmers has a second job because many farms are too small to provide a living. Government assistance is

given in the funding of structural changes. In all, some 1.4 million people are working either full or part-time in the German agricultural and horticultural sector. German agricultural exports total some DM38 billion. But at the same time, Germany is the world's biggest importer of farm products (more than DM64 billion), thus rendering major assistance to agricultural producers in the developing countries.

Inter Nations

## Arthritic iceman in strapping shape 5,300 years on

By Alexandra Zawadil  
Reuter

**VIENNA** — It was a cold night when Oetzi lay down on an alpine pasture to rest his arthritic bones.

Some 5,300 years later, his frozen, tattooed body was dug out of a glacier in a remote Tyrolean valley, leading experts to hail him as the world's oldest mummy.

The iceman was found in September 1991 by German tourists on the 3,000 metre high Similaun glacier in the Oetzi Valley, after which he is named.

Since then, 40 teams of experts from around the world have been working on the man who came in from the cold, believed to have died from exhaustion at an age of about 45.

"The iceman is in good condition," said Werner Platzer, head anatomist at Innsbruck University.

Oetzi is being kept in a sarcophagus at a steady temperature of minus six degrees centigrade and at a humidity of 98 per cent at the Institute of Alpine Prehistory, a home specially created for him.

Studies of the iceman found he had probably been about 164 centimetres tall at the time of his death, but that he has since shrunk to 159 centimetres.

His weight seems to have dropped to about 40 to 50 kg just before his death. Scientists found that he had suffered from worms and ensuing diarrhoea.

However, there are also signs that Oetzi fell prey to other ailments. The 57 tattoos found around various joints of his body led scientists to conclude that in neolithic times tattoos

were used for therapy — and that Oetzi suffered from arthritis.

So far 50 tiny probes have been taken from his body using titanium instruments in order not to leave any trace. These samples have accumulated to a total 2.5 grammes, Mr. Platzer said.

A few months ago, the professor examined the mummy's sexual organs, which Austrian newspapers speculated had been damaged when he was dug out of his glacial grave.

"Everything is still where it should be," Mr. Platzer said. "It's only that it's shrunk so much one could get the idea it was missing."

Both his lungs as well as his liver were in an advanced state of atrophy, Mr. Platzer said.

The next project will be modelling an exact replica of the neolithic alpinist's skeleton. This and further projects will likely take two more years at a cost of some 100 million schillings (\$10 million).

Thereafter, Oetzi will probably travel to Bolzano, the capital of Italy's south Tyrol (Alto-Adige), where he will be put to final rest in a museum.

The Italian government has claimed the rights on the mummy because it was found some ten metres on the Italian side of the Oetzi Alps.

Last month a discovery near Linz, in northern Austria, threatened to steal Oetzi's place as the country's favourite mummy.

Local archaeologist Manfred Perlwieser unearthed remains dating back some



The iceman, nicknamed Oetzi, was found five years ago by German tourists on the Similaun glacier in the Oetzi valley, after which he is named. With an age of 5,300 years experts call him the world's oldest mummy (Reuter photo)

6,500 years — the skeleton of a girl aged 12 to 13. Mr. Perlwieser is convinced that his find was

once mummified but later suffered irreversible damage because of rising humidity. The skeleton is

in excellent condition given its age and has given experts valuable clues to the child's life and early

death. "Her story is a tragedy," Mr. Perlwieser said. "The body language shows that

the little girl was suffering from hypothermia and died while she lay at the family's fireplace."

He believes her family was unable to bury her because it was winter and the earth was frozen.

## Around 350 feared dead in mid-air collision

(Continued from page 1)

shortly before 7.00 P.M. (1330) as night was falling over India.

PTI said: "Nearly 350 passengers were feared killed when a Saudi Airways jumbo jet and a Kazakhstan airliner collided in mid-air about 40 nautical miles west of Delhi this evening, according to civil aviation sources."

"I saw a ball of flame hurtling down and I could make out that it was an aircraft," it quoted one eyewitness as saying.

Earlier, PTI said a Saudi Arabian Boeing 747 collided with a Kazakh Airways TU-154 aircraft and heavy casualties were feared.

The agency said the collision occurred over Jharkhand in the Rohtak district of Haryana state bordering New Delhi. Aviation officials told Reuters the accident occurred at Charkhi Dadri.

The area, west of New

Delhi, has scattered villages.

PTI quoted airport sources as saying the Saudi Arabian Airlines corp plane, with a flight number of SV 763, had been bound for Dhahran and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

It quoted the sources as saying the Kazakh plane, believed to be a Russian-built TU-154, with flight number KZA 1907, was travelling from Kazakhstan to New Delhi.

The agency quoted the sources as saying the wreck-

age of the two aircraft was spread over a wide area.

PTI quoted officials of the directorate general of civil aviation as saying the Saudi airliner had been cleared to climb to a flight level of 14,000 feet by air traffic control in New Delhi.

It said the Kazakh airliner had been cleared to descend to 15,000 feet on the same route.

PTI said the radar blips of both aircraft disappeared seven minutes after the Saudi airliner left New Delhi.

The Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

the Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

## Israel told it cannot benefit from regional cooperation before attainment of peace

(Continued from page 1)

common goal of a lasting, just and comprehensive peace for the whole region on the basis of all relevant resolutions of the U.N. Security Council and the principle for land-for-peace," he said.

The common theme in the addresses of President Mubarak and Mr. Spring was that economic dividends of peace would not be forthcoming without progress in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

"Economic prosperity, like political and social stability, will strongly depend on further progress in the peace negotiations," said Mr. Spring, who also reaffirmed the EU's commitment to continue its economic assistance to social development in the region.

Mr. Mubarak, in his capacity as president of the host country, launched the conference with a call on MENA countries to adopt economic reforms so that they could integrate themselves into the global economy.

At the same time, he said, "as long as comprehensive peace on all tracks is not firmly and irreversibly established, we will not reap the full benefits of eco-

nomic integration."

Mr. Mubarak also dwelt extensively on what his government had achieved in terms of restructuring the Egyptian economy and its plans and programmes and the opportunities Egypt offers to investors.

Nowhere in his speech did the president refer to Israel by name or to the all but frozen status of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in what was seen by analysts as a diplomatic posture as the host and partly because of a determination to make the best of the conference to showcase Egypt itself.

But, as Jordanian businessman and economist Bassem Saket put it, "the net message emanating from the conference from the opening session was simple: Israel cannot hope to advance its economic quest with the Arab World without delivering on its promises to the Arabs."

According to Dr. Saket, the Cairo conference is indeed a business-oriented economic gathering but Israel is not a major player in the equation.

He reaffirmed the "personal commitment" of U.S. President Bill Clinton, who was reelected this month, "to stand with the peacemakers at every step of the

way."

"That is why the president and the next secretary of state will continue to make the advancement of the Middle East peace process a top priority over the next four years."

Also addressing the opening session were Russian Minister of Trade Yevgeny Yasin, who said his country was ready to work with the countries of the Middle East to develop economic cooperation. He did not refer at all to the difficulties facing the peace process.

Klaus Schwab, president of the World Economic Forum, the organisers of the MENA conference, called on the countries of the region to adopt "regionalisation."

"No individual country, whatever its strength, can afford to be isolated," he said. "This is particularly true for the MENA region, which, in terms of its present (gross national product) but not in terms of its potential, is dwarfed by the other emerging regional blocs of the world economy."

That, by implication, appeared to be a message to Israel — that it could not simply continue to exist in its own world.

## Prince Hassan stresses vitality of Jordanian economy

(Continued from page 1)

"social responsibilities" and emphasised the need to maintain confidence between the public and private sectors.

The government, Prince

Hassan said, has proven its ability in this regard and the private sector is expected to follow similar lines.

Prince Hassan said the Jordanian economy is passing through a short transitional era as the Kingdom

seeks self-sufficiency, saying that the newly adopted economic laws will ensure the vitality of the Jordanian economy.

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

the Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

the Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

the Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

Pointing out that Jordan's government institutions and democracy are maturing as

the Kingdom prepares for entering international markets, the Crown Prince expressed hope that "our potential partners will find in Jordan opportunities and incentives worthy of serious consideration."

## Christopher says Hebron deal close at hand

(Continued from page 1)

into Hebron in pursuit of Palestinians suspected of carrying out anti-Israeli attacks.

David Bar-Ilan, a spokesman for Mr. Netanyahu, charged Tuesday that "95 per cent of the Hebron agreement has been concluded" and that Mr. Arafat was deliberately stalling in hopes the United States will pressure Israel to back down on some of its

demands.

Under 1995 autonomy accords Israel was to have withdrawn from four-fifths of Hebron in March and hand the city over to Palestinian control, but the current Israeli government is demanding greater security guarantees for Jewish settlers in the town before allowing the pullback to go ahead.

Intensive Palestinian-Israeli negotiations launched in October aimed at forging a

deal on Hebron have failed so far to find a solution.

Israeli officials said Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the terms for the Hebron transfer of power resumed Tuesday evening in the Tel Aviv area after a break of several days.

The talks were being led by Army Chief of Staff General Amnon Shabak for the Israelis and Mahmud Abbas, Arafat's top deputy, they said. Mr. Christopher said, "once

the negotiations finally succeed I believe that the parties can move forward with a new urgency to implement the remainder of the interim agreement."

Before leaving for a conference on Bosnia in Paris, he also called on Israel and the Arab countries to go "the extra mile" to achieve peace.

"For these and future negotiations to succeed each side must go the extra mile," he said. "Maintaining a status quo causes an even greater risk for their future."



## IMF: Economic reform more important than progress of peace process

CAIRO (AFP) — Strong economic reforms are more important to the economies of the Middle East than progress in the peace process, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Speaking at the launch Monday of an IMF report giving a positive outlook for the economies of North Africa and the Middle East, IMF Director Mohammad Al-Erian said the pure economic effects of the peace process were limited.

"Will the setback to the peace process have an effect? Yes, but it is not the main economic issue, that is the reforms. The peace

process reduces risk but it is not sufficient to affect growth, that is down to fundamental economic issues," he said.

IMF Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer described the current peace process stalemate as "unfortunate," but added: "It will only affect the growth prospects of a few countries in the region ... I certainly do not think it provides much of a setback for a country like Egypt."

Arab-Israeli relations are currently at a low following the May election of rightwing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on a hardline platform which

has ruled out trading Arab land for peace.

Mr. Fischer said the IMF report, entitled "Building on Progress", showed regional economies were lagging behind the rest of the world because of too much public expenditure, lack of opportunities offered by the region's financial sector, and protectionist trade barriers.

"Countries in this region are among the most protected in the world, with the exception of the Gulf countries. That reduces growth and puts off foreign investors," said Mr. Fischer. However, he praised the strides made by the region

in the past five years, and insisted that international investment interest in the area had never been so high.

IMF figures predict inflation in the region this year will be around 12 per cent, the lowest this decade, and that economic growth will be four per cent, double 1994-95, leading to a per capita rise in gross domestic product.

Mr. Fischer pointed to the unprecedented foreign participation in the third Middle East and North Africa economic conference, which opened in Cairo Tuesday, as sign of genuine potential for the region.

"The fact that this conference is happening despite the background of the peace process, and with such a large foreign input, is very important," he said.

"This is a region of great potential, great resources, but a region that has not in the past achieved its potential. Changes are now taking place," he added.

The three-day conference, which was opened by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, has attracted around 3,500 delegates from more than 90 countries — including large groups from the powerful Asian economies, the United States and Europe.

## Libya: Arabs should build own common market

TRIPOLI (AFP) — Libya said Monday that Arab states should focus their energies on building a common market of their own rather than "useless" forums with Israel such as the Middle East economic conference in Cairo.

"If the excuse for the first two such conferences ... was to boost peace, the third conference is useless, especially as Israel plans to replace Arab institutions with a new organisation of its own fabrication," said the Libyan Ministry for Arab Unity.

integration of the Israeli enemy into the Arab World through political and economic normalisation.

Arab countries must "implement the accords on Arab unity and the creation of an Arab common market, which is the only alternative to all the projects which do not serve the interests of the Arab World," the ministry said, quoted by the official news agency JANA.

It voiced confidence that Egypt would "not allow this conference to lead to results that could harm the strategic interests of the Arab World."

## U.N. wants fund to tackle poverty in the Arab World

CAIRO (AFP) — The United Nations will use the occasion of the Middle East and North Africa economic conference which opened here Tuesday to press for the creation of a special fund to tackle poverty in the Arab World.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) sees poverty as a "dangerous phenomenon" in Arab countries and in Cairo will try to persuade Arab businessmen, governments and donor countries to back the project and subscribe to it, said UNDP regional director Saad Al Faraghi.

Mr. Faraghi said poverty was "widespread" in this part of the world and said it was "time to act before it

spread further".

UNDP surveys have shown that six per cent of Arabs have only the equivalent of \$1 a day on which to survive. Mr. Faraghi said the UNDP for the Arab World was ready to "put the first dollar into the fund to set it up immediately".

He said the creation of this fund was part of a general strategy against poverty in the Arab World which the UNDP decided to undertake, in February in Damascus.

He expressed the hope that the Cairo conference would encourage governments, Arab businessmen and donor countries to join the UNDP in setting up the fund.

Mr. Faraghi said the fund

had already been discussed with representatives of international and regional organisations and he was optimistic it would be established.

He said a fund for economic complementarity between Arab states had been proposed by the UNDP at the Amman conference in 1995 and presently had nine members, including Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Algeria.

On the UNDP's second programme designed to promote scientific education and research in Arab states, Mr. Faraghi said these disciplines were "the basis for all economic growth".

He said Cairo conference

was a "political, economic and social event" which proved that Arab countries offered good prospects for investors.

But he said only peace in the Middle East could guarantee good economic returns on investments.

The UNDP programme for the Arab World has launched several projects in Arab countries aimed at helping governments to "lay the foundations for permanent development".

Palestinian autonomous territories do not benefit from this programme but depend directly on the UNDP which finances "aid projects" in coordination with the Palestinian National Authority for which it has allocated some \$80 million.

## Palestinians take battered economy to Cairo summit

TEL AVIV (R) — The Cairo economic summit can offer few cures for the ailing Palestinian economy as long as Israel keeps its chokehold over the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinian officials say.

"The reality on the ground is totally contradic-

tory with the objectives of the conference," said Mohammad Shtayeh, head of the Palestinian Economic Development and Reconstruction Council.

The three-day Middle East and North Africa economic conference aims at promoting regional devel-

opment and economic cooperation.

But these goals will remain far from Palestinians' grasp so long as their \$3.5 billion economy is dominated by one factor: Repeated Israeli closures of Palestinian territories. Many Palestinian busi-

nessmen, upset that peace has not yielded economic dividends, are boycotting the Cairo conference.

The West Bank and Gaza have been subject to periodic closures since 1993, the year Israel and the PLO signed landmark peace deals. A blanket closure Israel imposed on the areas after a wave of suicide attacks killed 59 in early 1996 has only recently been eased.

## REUTERS • REUTERS •

### The Business of Information

Major Currencies & Cross Rates									
Currency	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	CAD	ITL	NLS	FRF
US Dollar	1.0000	1.5010	0.6077	1.2820	111.33	1.3340	151.20	1.6812	5.0732
DE Mark	0.6682	1.0000	0.4645	0.8414	74.16	0.8883	1007.86	1.2507	3.3617
GB Sterling	1.6455	2.4692	1.0000	2.0767	183.20	2.1951	2489.24	2.7881	8.2630
CH Franc	0.7924	1.1830	0.4811	1.0000	88.19	1.0561	1197.21	133.32	4.0203
JP Yen	0.0090	1.3472	0.5451	1.1327	1.0000	1.1971	13.57	150.96	4.5550
CA Dollar	0.7496	1.1178	0.4941	0.9401	1.20	1.0000	1133.38	1.2529	3.7817
IT Lira	0.0007	0.9919	0.4013	0.8834	1359.99	0.8815	1.0000	11.12	3.3537
NL Guilder	0.0048	0.6360	0.2908	0.6115	0.7927	0.9368	1.0000	1.0000	3.0165
FR Franc	0.1971	0.2957	0.1196	0.2481	21.82	0.2828	33.14	33.1400	1.0000

Energy			Mid-East Currencies		
Oils	Last	Previous	Currency	USD	DEM
Brent	22.75	22.85	SA Riyal	0.2866	0.4004
WTI	22.75	22.85	AE Dirham	0.2724	0.4001
Bony	22.75	22.85	KW Dinar	3.3484	0.2975
Dubai	20.90	21.00	BR Dinar	0.3770	0.3924
UL Gas	217.00	220.00	CY Pound	2.176	0.3262

Metal Prices			Currency Deposit Rates (Bid)		
Metal	Bid	Offer	Period	1 - 3	6 - 9
Gold (oz)	381.4	381.9	1 - 3	5.22	5.40
Silver (oz)	4.86	4.88	3 - 6	5.38	5.82
Platinum (oz)	387.76	388.76	9 - 12	5.82	5.88
AL (3 Months)	1459	1460	USD	5.22	5.40
CU (3 Months)	2054	2055	GBP	6.00	6.25
Zinc (3 Months)	1064	1065	JPY	0.40	0.35
Lead (3 Months)	738	739	DEM	2.81	3.06
NI (3 Months)	7245	7245	FRF	3.30	3.36
			CHF	1.58	1.75
			ITL	7.67	7.43

Main Equity Indices			JOD Cross Rates		
Bourse	Index	Value	Currency	Buy	Sell
New York	DOW JONES	6255.6	US Dollar	0.708	0.710
New York	S&P 500	730.8	GB Sterling	1.1894	1.1742
London	FT-SE 100	3934	DE Mark	0.4738	0.4762
Tokyo	NIKKEI 225	21206.43	CH Franc	0.5833	0.5861
Paris	CAC 40	2229.13	FR Franc	0.14	0.1407
Frankfurt	DAX	2734.3	JP Yen	0.6359	0.6391
			NL Guilder	0.4225	0.4246
			IT Lira	0.469	0.4713

Energy			JOD Cross Rates		
Commodity	Last	Delivery	Currency	Buy	Sell
Coffee (c/lb)	121.17	Spot	US Dollar	0.708	0.710
Cocoa (c/lb)	1354	Spot	GB Sterling	1.1894	1.1742
Sugar (c/lb)	312.7	Spot	DE Mark	0.4738	0.4762
Wheat (c/lb)	148	Spot	CH Franc	0.5833	0.5861
Soya (c/lb)	21.89	Spot	FR Franc	0.14	0.1407
Tea (c/lb)	118	Spot	JP Yen	0.6359	0.6391
Barley (c/lb)	2.2	Spot	NL Guilder	0.4225	0.4246
Rice (c/lb)	470	Spot	IT Lira	0.469	0.4713

## THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS

- Information
- Exhorted
- Retired
- Sacred wader
- Work reward
- Grotto
- Lawmen
- Cut kind
- Outer
- Porter's pen name
- Toe woe
- Felchly
- In any event
- Soprano Kirsten
- Massenet opera
- Lager head
- Pindar poem
- Top and high end
- Cube face
- Cut closely
- Carbohydrate suffix
- Borzo
- Caribbean dance
- Cynically mocking
- Body binder
- Tasty
- Ad type
- "The Blue —" (Ladd film)
- Rustic
- Hurler Herschiser
- Engage is rowdy play
- Mythical swan
- Recipient
- Actress Talbot
- Highland youth
- Pot piece
- Cut

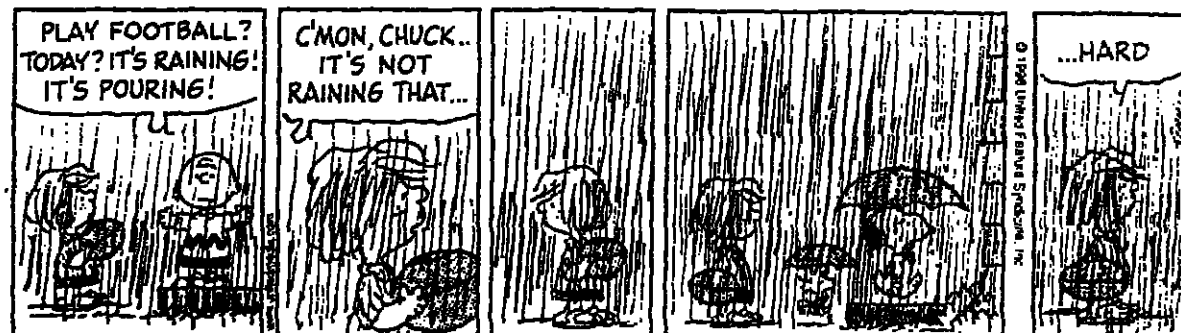
by Richard Thomas

DOWN

- Monopoly pair
- "— where sweets compacted lie" (Herbert)
- Shading
- Spears
- Supreme god of Greek myth
- Morocco's capital
- Porgy organ
- Legal ending
- Barren
- Entry
- Goes on tour
- At any time
- eyed (naive)
- Aikman and Donohue
- Lofly
- Towheaded character
- apso
- Turning points
- Cannes coin
- Baked brick
- Warehouse
- Variable
- Daggers
- Disney output
- Arizona citizen
- Calendar page
- 1980s soap
- Turned in chips
- Play the ponies
- Cnb companion
- Vicinity
- Andean plateau
- Undo
- Piedmont wine center
- 50 Vault
- la la

(Continued on page 9)

## Peanuts



## Andy Capp



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1996

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

**ARIES:** (March 21 to April 19) This is a fine day today for an early start at doing errands, however, later an excursion for different purposes is in the works. This evening will be good for beginning on some new project which will bring you much prestige.

**TAURUS:** (April 20 to May 20) You can handle any money affairs well in the morning today, however, later a practical person requires all of your attention. Be wise later tonight and you can gain the admiration of some bigwig as a result of your efforts.

**GEMINI:** (May 21 to June 21) You are charming in the morning today and you can make everything harmonious around you, however, later this evening a fellow associate want your time to complete some important project and you should oblige.

**MOON CHILDREN:** (June 22 to July 21) Try to please your mate early in the day today, and then get at the activities which are important to you at this time. Later this evening will be good for you to meet with some knowledgeable person about some project.

**LEO:** (July 22 to August 21) This is a good day to visit many close friends you want to retain for some time to come. Study how best to gain your personal goals this evening by consulting some bigwig who can be quite beneficial.

**VIRGO:** (August 22 to September 22) Contact a bigwig who can do you a big favour in the morning today, and then be with your family and take them out this evening to a charming place where you and them can enjoy yourself together in some fun activities.

**LIBRA:** (September 23 to October 22) Meet with one on whom you want to make a good impression early today, and then handle regular home affairs well. Later this evening you can have a good time with your close friends in some interesting activities.

**SCORPIO:** (October 23 to November 21) Try to please your mate and then get at the activities which also mean a great deal to you. Drive carefully today while on the highway and don't get into any difficulty which could be serious if you are not aware.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 22 to December 21) Be sure to back a good close friend and improve the relationship early today. Do nothing which can offend a fellow associate or there could be difficulties concerning a special project especially if this person has some information.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 to January 20) Early today get your home improved and clean, and then you can be with others at some mutual activity. This evening will be good for you to meet with some knowledgeable persons who can be of great assistance.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 to February 19) Plan recreation, and then be with your mate and close friends and enjoy it. You can be a fine success today if you consult some bigwig and get the advice for completing some project when it is due, and so by doing gain prestige.

**PISCES:** (February 20 to March 20) Making conditions better at home in the morning today is wise, since later this evening a situation could require your undivided attention, so that you can anticipate any difficulties which could develop in the days ahead.

Birthstone of November: Topaz — Tiger's

By Sacha Baggioli, Special to the Jordan Times

**AMMAN:** — The Jordanian delegation to the third Middle East and North Africa economic summit in Cairo, will present a plan with the objective of developing the country's economic incentives and resources and attracting international partners. Headed by Trade and Industry Minister Ali Abul-Balout, the delegation consists of 12 participants from the public sector and 42 from the private sector. The delegation will address the members of the summit, which began Tuesday, covering the sectors of industry and mining, telecommunications, tourism and transport.

A document prepared by the Ministry of Planning for the MENA summit details 12 projects culminating in the estimated total costs of each ranging from \$10

Study shows civil about two h

JORDANIAN CIVIL serv

hours a day at best and

Dr. Qaryan clarified the so

pointed out that salaries are

"On Fridays we dress casual at w is allowed to call the

JUMBLE

NEMIR

OUSIP

ANNICE

GOFORT

Print answer here:



## Jordan details 24 projects to potential international partners

By Sacha Bagalli  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN— The Jordanian delegation to the third Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit, in Cairo, will present detailed Jordanian projects, with the objective of displaying the country's business incentives and opportunities and attracting the attention of potential international partners.

Headed by Trade and Industry Minister Ali Abul Ragheb, the delegation groups 32 participants from the public sector and 42 from the private sector. Fourteen of the delegation members will address the summit, which began Tuesday, covering the sectors of energy, industry and mining, telecommunications, transport, tourism and water.

A document prepared by the Ministry of Planning for the MENA summit details 24 projects culminating under these seven sectors, with estimated total costs for each ranging from \$10

million to \$500 million. Under the energy sector, the future power generation projects are intended to establish independent power producers (IPPs) and the first of these is intended to be operating by the year 2001.

The Jordanian Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) plans to increase its crude oil processing capacity, under the project title of Zarqa Refinery Expansion and Development, in order to meet the future petroleum products requirements of the country.

The Jordanian National Petroleum Company has been formed to negotiate joint ventures with international companies to generate investments in the oil and gas exploration project and increase the flow of new equipment and technology to this field.

The industry and mining sector is offering the best selection of projects for investment. The Arab Potash Company (APC) plans to construct a com-

plex for the production of potassium and di-calcium phosphate, using local resources of potash, phosphate and the main raw materials. The company seeks equity financing, particularly from partners who could strengthen the venture through marketing, in Asia and western Europe.

The APC, which has a concession from the Jordanian government to exploit, manufacture and market the mineral resources of the Dead Sea, also plans to construct a complex for the production of magnesium oxide from the effluent brine of their potash operation and pure limestone available at a nearby quarry.

The company is looking for partners to invest in the first stage of this project and assist with accessing technology and marketing know-how.

Other projects seeking investment under the mining and industry category are the magnesium metal complex, the potassium nitrate complex, and explo-

ration and production projects for copper, glass sand, kaolin and gold.

In October 1995, the Jordanian government enacted a new telecommunications law which established the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) as an independent regulatory organisation for this sector.

Under this law, the TRC plans to announce tenders for the provision of paging services, to compete with the existing Jordan Radio Paging Company (JRPP), pay phone services, and public access mobile radio, in late 1996.

In 1997, the TRC will announce tender for provision of cellular mobile services (GSM), to be operating by October 1998 and to compete with the existing company which operates under a licence granted in 1994.

A project for establishing a digital data transmission network for Jordan will also be detailed at the summit. Its objectives are to build and implement a national

digital data transmission network to facilitate data exchange among the country's institutions and with regional and international organisations. The estimated total cost of this particular project is \$10 million and its estimated time of implementation is four years.

Under the transport sector, the Jordanian government is carrying out a project for the privatisation of the Aqaba Railway Corporation (ARC) and the construction of an Aqaba-Wadi Al Shidiya Railway Link.

Following a cabinet decision, the ARC, which carries phosphate rock from Al Abiad and Al Hassa mines to the export facility at the main port of Aqaba, will in the future be managed and operated privately under a concession agreement.

With regard to proposed Aqaba port projects, the Ports Corporation believes that private sector participation in the construction, operation and maintenance

of future port facilities will ensure efficiency and facilitate investments.

Other plans for the transport sector are the Amman-Zarqa light railway system project and a project for the development of a logistics centre in Aqaba.

The Jordanian delegates to the MENA economic summit will be presenting details of plans to expand the tourist industry of the region.

Such plans include the Aqaba-south coast tourism projects, which have been instigated by the recognition of the greater tourism potential in Aqaba.

The Aqaba Regional Authority's goal is to create a major international destination resort over the coming 10 years.

The master plan permits the construction of over 3,000 hotel rooms, 1,000 holiday homes, restaurants, shops, camping areas and golf courses.

The Jordan Valley Authority is looking for interest

from the private sector to develop tourist facilities in the Suweimeh and Zara tourist sites on the Dead Sea coastal area.

The Disi-Amman project aims at supplying water to the country's capital city from well fields at Disi-Mudawwarin in the far south, in order to help meet urgent industrial and municipal needs. This involves the construction of approximately 325 kilometres of pipeline, numerous reservoirs, pumping and chlorination stations and ancillary operation and maintenance works.

Despite the host of current political uncertainties, which appear to be impeding economic progress in the region, and the boycott of the MENA summit by Lebanon and Syria, which reject economic cooperation with Israel before concluding peace agreements, the document prepared by the Jordanian Ministry of Planning for the summit, also presents plans for joint Jordanian-Israeli projects.

The project for a "peace airport" in Aqaba focuses on expanding the Aqaba International Airport and thereby developing a safe and efficient airspace environment. This is to become a joint regional airport to accommodate the total traffic demand for the southern parts of Israel and Jordan.

The list of Israeli projects to be detailed at the MENA summit also presents numerous plans for projects involving Jordan, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and Israel.

These include projects for electricity interconnections, a natural gas pipeline and a coastal railway, between Egypt, the PNA and Jordan. The Israeli delegation will also propose projects for a joint sewage treatment plant for Aqaba and Eilat, joint water conservation and management in the Jordan Rift Valley, improvement of bridges across the Jordan River and joint Israeli-Jordanian technical education projects.

## Palestinians take battered economy to Cairo summit

(Continued from page 8)

The closures, which bar Arab workers from reaching jobs in Israel and prevent manufacturers from exporting goods and importing raw materials, have plunged an already badly battered economy into deep depression.

The numbers speak for themselves. Palestinian real national income (GNI) has dropped by 23 per cent since 1992 and per capita incomes by 20 per cent, according to the U.N. special coordinator in the occupied territories.

According to World Bank estimates, unemployment nearly quadrupled between 1993 and mid-1996, reaching 39 per cent in the West Bank and a staggering 51 per cent in self-ruled Gaza.

"Under full closure, no workers are allowed into Israel. With loose closure, the number is below 25,000. This is down from 166,000 workers in Israel in 1992," Mr. Shtayeh said. According to the World Bank, workers' remittances have fallen from 25 per cent of GDP in 1992 to eight per cent in 1995.

Closure has disrupted trade flows in and out of the West Bank and Gaza, which remain nearly completely reliant on Israel. The closures have led to a 50 per cent drop in imports," Mr. Shtayeh said. "Many imports and input goods are left at Israeli ports and Palestinians are left with the storage costs." Palestinian Trade Undersecretary Samir Hleileh said closures caused more serious

long-term damage.

"Closure affects the credibility of the Palestinian exporter that he will deliver his goods on time. This is almost the third or fourth year that we did not deliver our goods on time," Mr. Hleileh told Reuters.

But Mr. Hleileh, finding a bright spot among the gloom, said closures had forced Palestinians to diversify their imports, partially decreasing dependence on Israel.

"In 1992, 90 to 95 per cent of imports came from or through Israel. Now, about 70 per cent come through Israel," Mr. Hleileh said. He said combined direct imports from Egypt and Jordan rose from \$29 million in 1993 to \$105 million in 1996. "Between 1995 and 1996, revenues on direct imports have tripled because of direct importation," Mr. Hleileh said.

But Palestinian National Authority (PNA) revenues have nonetheless plunged as net import tax revenues have fallen along with transfers from Israel of taxes levied on Palestinians working in the Jewish state.

Mr. Shtayeh said the 1996 PNA budget deficit, forecast last year at \$75 million, was now expected to exceed \$180 million. International donors have been forced to pick up the slack, diverting aid earmarked for long-term development to meeting PNA budget outlays and short-run emergency job creation programmes.

## Daily Beat

A review of news from the Arabic press

### Study shows civil servants working about two hours a day

**\*\* JORDANIAN CIVIL servants do not work more than two hours a day at best and that translates into no less than JD 200 million in losses to the government as a result of the time waste, a field study has shown. Another study conducted on government employees confirmed the conclusion of the first study as the civil servants approved cutting the working days from six to five days a week. The employees said that by reducing the number of days "the volume of work will not be affected as there is no more than two hours of real work a day."**

The two studies were outlined during a lecture presented at the Jordanian Writers Union by Mohammed Qaryuti, the dean of Salfiyah College for Science and Technology. Dr. Qaryuti saw the failure to exploit time as a problem in the Jordanian society noting that the wastage of time was due to many factors, the most important of which were the ambiguity of the objectives and improper organisation.

Dr. Qaryuti classified the society into three groups and pointed out that salaries are paid annually in primitive nations because for those countries time carries no importance and because the people's ambitions and objectives are limited. In advanced countries, Dr. Qaryuti said, people are paid by the hour because they realise the value of time. Monthly payments are a feature of developing countries which have not yet reached the stage of the advanced states but are not primitive.

Another classification of time outlined by Dr. Qaryuti was the line concept and the circle concept. He explained that advanced nations utilise the line concept to exploit time better and in a right manner whereas the societies that lack the sense of time importance rely on the circle concept and disregard organising time (Al Dustour).

### THE BETTER HALF. By Glasbergen



"On Fridays we're allowed to dress casual at work and the boss is allowed to call the women 'Sweetie'."

### JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NEMIR  
OUSIP  
ANNICE  
GOFORT

Print answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRUNE ROACH ADROIT MISUSE  
Answer: What the well-muscled broker liked to exercise - HIS OPTIONS

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET									
HOUSING BANK CENTER AMMAN - SHARISANI									
TELEPHONE: 607171 / 607179									
ORGANIZED MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR TUESDAY 12/11/1996									
PART 12 MONTHS	COMPANY'S NAME	F / E	DIV.	NO. OF SHARES	NO. OF	VALUE	OPEN	CLOSE	CHANGE
HIGH	LOW				SHARES	TRADING	PRICE	PRICE	
252.000	205.000	ANAB BANK	12.5	1.42	3	140	34440	246.00	246.00
3.800	2.950	BANK OF JORDAN	10.5	0.00	2	10000	29000	3.95	2.90
1.250	0.800	KID. EAST. INV. BK.	72.3	0.00	54	76150	84045	1.30	1.10
2.700	2.120	INDUSTRIAL DEV. BK.	5.2	6.19	5	4797	10791	2.25	2.25
5.250	4.250	THE HOUSING BK.	13.0	2.85	4	1900	9315	4.35	4.15
3.040	2.450	JOR. INVEST. BANK	18.1	0.00	4	485	1222	2.52	2.52
1.200	0.890	JOR. GULF BANK	5.2	7.95	13	39000	34490	0.89	0.88
3.950	3.500	ARAB JOR. INV. BK.	18.5	0.00	1	300	1035	3.60	3.45
4.180	3.300	JOR. ISLAMIC BANK	17.8	0.00	11	435	17292	3.13	3.10
3.800	3.000	JOR. EXPR. BANK	17.7	0.00	3	4081	13056	3.20	3.20
4.550	4.450	JOR. BANKING CO.	23.3	0.00	1	1000	4500	4.50	4.50
BANK SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 188.39 CHG: -0.08 101 142489 239002									
1.900	1.450	JOR. ELECTRIC PWR.	11.1	7.50	6	3299	5276	1.59	1.60
9.250	8.000	JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	17.2	2.06	2	237	1896	8.59	8.10
2.800	2.090	SEELIPING LINES	10.5	8.06	1	250	620	2.52	2.48
1.950	1.080	BANK. PORTFOLIO	9	0.00	4	375	427	1.14	1.14
1.050	0.880	REAL ESTATE INV.	19.8	4.19	2	1250	1113	0.89	0.89
1.260	0.590	JORDAN INFL. TRAD.	32.3	0.00	3	550	347	0.63	0.63
10.310	7.600	JOR. EXPR. BANK	9.0	6.58	2	77	577	7.60	7.60
3.660	3.130	JOR. TEL. INV. EDUC.	13.8	5.87	3	1250	4273	3.42	3.41
2.430	1.700	UNITED CO.	9.1	5.78	13	4250	7261	1.70	1.73
1.200	0.820	UNION LAND DEV.	8	0.00	1	150	134	0.89	0.89
SERVICE SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 110.24 CHG: -0.05 37 11688 21922									
3.770	3.060	JOR. CEMENT FACT.	18.9	3.03	16	3932	12948	3.30	3.30
3.750	2.710	JOR. PORTFOLIO MGMT.	32.3	0.00	9	3431	10375	3.05	3.00
5.960	4.780	ANAB POTASH CO.	17.3	3.50	4	650	3702	5.62	5.72
10.550	8.720	JOR. PETROL. REFINERY	9.3	8.71	8	584	5356	9.18	9.18
1.590	1.150	WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES	34.2	0.00	9	850	802	1.22	1.22
3.750	2.650	INDUSTRIAL COMM. MGR.	26.9	0.00	4	1155	2322	2.10	2.00
4.870	3.100	JAN. PHARM. MFG.	27.6	6.25	14	2743	8746	3.19	3.20
2.600	2.050	JORDAN DAIRY	13.2	0.00	3	125	292	2.12	2.12
2.420	1.700	JOR. EXPR. BANK	9.0	6.58	2	77	577	1.70	1.75
2.250	1.400	NATFA INDUSTRIES	7	0.00	4	1300	1821	1.42	1.42
8.000	4.250	DAR ALMAJID. INV. DEV.	12.5	4.40	4	850	2455	4.45	4.55
1.960	0.480	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	7	0.00	36	32050	17378	0.57	0.56
1.500	1.050	WATER SUPPLY	1.9	8.93	12	3250	3770	1.16	1.16
1.090	0.550	NATIONAL INDS.	8.4	10.53	8	3700	2081	0.56	0.57
1.840	0.940	INTERMED. FINANC. CHEN.	9	0.00	37	14550	14605	0.98	1.02
4.250	2.300	JOR. SOLVED-CHEN	15.6	0.00	3	500	1112	2.30	2.23
1.350	0.770	JOR. SOLVED-CHEN	9	0.00	2	188	150	0.78	0.81
1.920	1.080	ANAB PETROL. CHEN.	23.2	0.00	4	1350	1672	1.18	1.24
1.620	1.060	KANPHER INVEST.	44.9	4.80	1	400	800	1.22	1.25
3.280	1.450	UNIV. MFG. INDS.	4.9	12.50	55	24350	38607	1.52	1.60
2.100	1.140	JOR. INDS. RESOURCES	17.7	0.00	17	6092	8550	1.40	1.41
1.580	0.890	JOR. NEW CABLE CO.	24.4	0.00	2	400	358	0.89	0.90
2.460	1.750	EX. -RAY HEAD WEAR	7	0.00	10	4700	8840	1.85	1.91
1.460	1.080	EX. -RAY WEAR	26.1	0.00	5	1500	1648	1.09	1.11
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 111.08 CHG: +0.70 268 108811 149967									
GRAND TOTAL INDEX: 147.87 CHG: +0.23 406 262988 410891									
PARALLEL MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR TUESDAY 12/11/1996									
7.90	4.40	CENTRAL GEN. STORAGE	23.7	0.00	17	27350	16137	5.59	5.59
8.00	5.40	JOR. TRADE FAC.	14.4	0.00	4	1600	854	5.4	5.4
9.50	4.40	BULK. CORNER. CENTERS	8	0.00	3	1045	490	4.4	4.4
9.30	700	UNION INV. SOI	9	0.00	9	14220	3045	7.0	7.2
1.110	0.440	ANAB PET. INVEST.	9	0.00	34	49450	22258	0.44	0.45
7.80	4.30	ANAB SELECT. INDS.	8	0.00	5	14400	8035	4.3	4.9
8.40	4.50	ANAB PETROL. 55	8	0.00	5	200	52	4.5	4.6
8.30	4.20	INDS. INV.	25.9	0.00	7	6850	2896	4.2	4.1
1.430	0.770	INDS. CERAMIC	8	0.00	4	800	636	0.78	0.80
9.950	800	ANAB INV. FOOD FACT.	56.2	0.00	2	4043	3224	8.0	8.0
1.500	0.530	KID. EAST. COMPLEX	7.9	0.00	17	30500	20123	0.57	0.67
GRAND TOTAL 150 180816 93533									

## JORDAN MARKETPLACE \*\*\* JORDAN MARKETPLACE \*\*\* JORDAN MARKETPLACE

**DAJANI JEWELLERS** World gems, hand made in Jordan in 18 & 21 k. gold. A truly unique shop.

**STUDIO HAIG** Professional Quality in 1 Hour Service. Develop your colour film at our shop and get... **JUMBO photo size 30% larger** Free enlargement 20 x 30 cm. Shmeisani & Opp. Grindlays Bank. Phone: 604042. Sweich tel: 623891.

**NO 1 FOR RENT FLATS VILLAS** CLEANING SERVICES **BYBLOS** 829882-829883

**SECURITY HOSPITALITY GASTRONOMY** New Low Season Rates. Fax 863051. **HOTEL TIFIN** 863944 Sweich

**FOR RENT** - 3 bedrooms apartment in Shmeisani, second floor, 220 sq.m. - 3 bedrooms in Al Rabia area, third floor, 190 sq.m. **Abdoun Real Estate** Tel: 810605 - 810609 Fax: 810520

**FOR YOUR Advertisement in Jordan Times** Call tel: 667171 ext. 223

**Happy Days** Patisserie Soups & Salads Cafe. **OPEN DAILY FROM 10 A.M. - 1 A.M.** Tel: 5537199 Fax: 898537. **Umm Uthaina behind San Rock Hotel**

**OLYMPIA HOTEL APARTMENTS** THE IDEAL ADDRESS FOR EMBASSIES, EXPATRIATES & FAMILIES SINCE 1985. SPECIAL PRICES



## Seles admits her confidence has been shaken

NEW YORK (R) — "My confidence has been shaken," admits Monica Seles.

Shock losses the last two weeks and trouble with her serve have Seles heading into next week's season-ending chase championships unsure of her game from day to day.

"The way I am playing I'm taking it a match at a time at this point," Seles said on Monday about her chances at the \$2 million tournament next week at Madison Square Garden.

Seles won the event three years in a row from 1990-92.

Last Sunday, Seles, who has slipped into a co-ranking of number two in the world with Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, was surprised by 16-year-old Swiss Martina Hingis 6-2 6-0 in the final in Oakland. It was the first love set Seles had lost in six

years. The previous week in Chicago, Seles lost in the semifinals to Jennifer Capriati, who is in the midst of a comeback after two tumultuous years off the court including drug rehabilitation and run-ins with the law.

"The last two weeks have not been good at all and not what I would have liked them to be," Seles said in a telephone news conference from a New York airport en route to her home in Florida.

Seles said that Hingis and Capriati had played well, but she could not say the same about her own game.

"Every game was close but they played better on the key points," said Seles. "It was a combination that the two played very well and I couldn't do anything. That's all I could figure from those

two losses." While Seles has ruled out surgery on her left shoulder for the rest of the year and denies the shoulder is bothering her, she has had trouble serving since winning the Australian Open in January.

"My shoulder is fine," she said. "I just started missing serves and lost some confidence. I couldn't hold my serve."

Seles, 22, is playing the championships for the first time in four years. She was out from 1993-95 after being stabbed in the back during a match early in 1993. Last year she pulled out the week before the event with knee and ankle problems.

"It would be nice to end the year off well, but it would not compensate for the way the year went," Seles said of her early-

round exits at the French Open, Wimbledon and the Olympics. "At the big ones, I would love to play my best tennis and I didn't."

"So it wouldn't make that much difference the way I look back at '96 how I did next week," said Seles, the U.S. Open runner-up to Steffi Graf.

"This is not one of the years I want to remember too much," said Seles.

WTA tour officials announced Monday that three more players, Irina Spirlea of Romania, Karina Habsudova of Slovakia and Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of Holland, have qualified for the championships.

The final three spots in the 16-player field was to be determined at this week's tournament in Philadelphia.

## Ferrari to power Sauber F1 in '97

LONDON (R) — Ferrari engines will be used to power the Sauber Formula One team in 1997 and 1998, the Swiss team announced on Monday.

Sauber said they had reached agreement with Ferrari to "manufacture, supply and develop" a Formula One engine for them.

The decision follows repeated denials by Ferrari that they will become involved in any further deals to supply engines to other teams after disappointing results with Scuderia Italia two seasons ago.

This time, Ferrari are setting up an independent working group and a separate structure to work in relationship with Sauber's newly-created special engineering group, sponsored by Malaysia's national oil company Petronas.

Former Honda engine guru Osamo Goto has been appointed as the head of the new Sauber-Petronas engineering group. He was project leader with Honda from 1986 to 1990, when they powered five championship winners, and has been with Ferrari for the last three years.

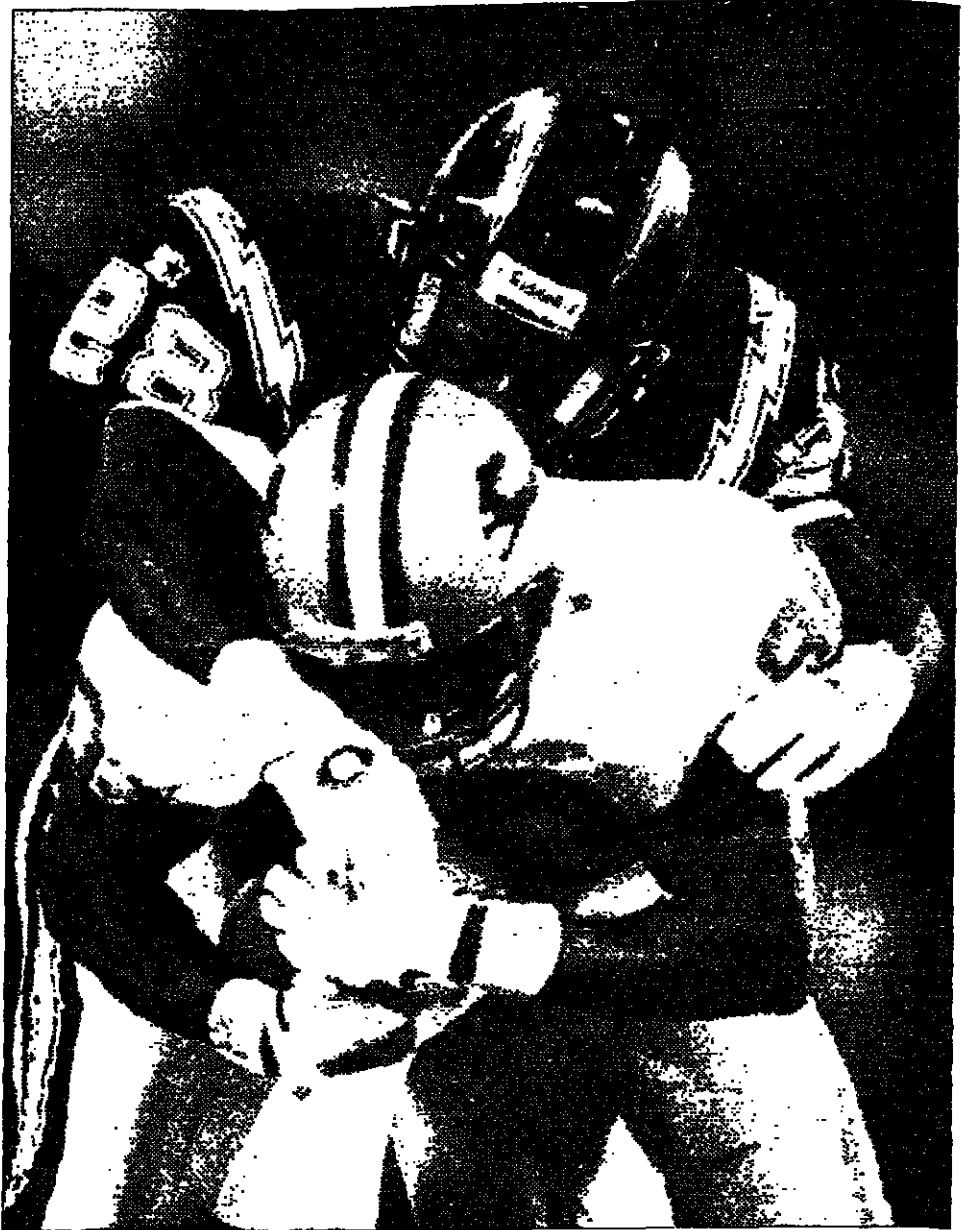
Elsewhere, veteran British Formula One driver Martin Brundle said he feared his Grand Prix career could be over if the Jordan team succeed in signing Frenchman Jean Alesi.

Alesi is currently with Benetton, but was said on Monday to be meeting team chief Flavio Briatore to discuss his future after a disappointing end to his first season with them.

"There is nowhere else I want to go and nothing else I want to do, but drive the Jordan next year," said Brundle during a break in testing for the British racer.

"But it hit me the other day that Suzuka might have been my last Grand Prix and was a bit of a shock actually because I haven't really confronted that before."

"But I don't think it will be — so don't write me off just yet."



Detroit Lions Brett Parriman is brought down by San Diego Chargers cornerback Dwayne Harper after advancing 13 yards in the second quarter in San Diego. The Chargers won 27-21 (Reuters photo)

## Humphries throws three TD's as Chargers beat Lions

SAN DIEGO (R) — Stan Humphries threw three touchdown passes, including a 46-yarder to Andre Coleman on the final play of the first half, as the San Diego Chargers held off the Detroit Lions 27-21 on Monday.

Humphries, who did not play in last week's victory over Indianapolis due to a dislocated shoulder, completed 24-of-32 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns.

Humphries hit Tony Martin with a 32-yard scoring strike at the 10-minute mark of the first quarter to make it 7-0.

His 46-yard "Hail Mary" bomb to Coleman on the final play of the first half gave the Chargers the lead for good, 17-14. Martin had

eight receptions for 113 yards. San Diego (6-4) won its second straight following a three-game losing streak to move within one game of second-place Kansas City in the AFC West.

Detroit (4-6) dropped its fourth straight game to fall into a tie with Chicago for third place in the NFC Central. The Lions have been outscored 127-67 during the losing streak.

Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell left the game early in the third quarter and did not return after aggravating a rib injury. He was replaced by Don Majkowski, who was 10-for-18 for 110 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell completed 5-of-9 passes for 49 yards before exiting.

Majkowski directed a 12-play, 61-yard drive, capped by his one-yard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within 27-21. The ensuing onside kick by Jason Hanson was recovered by San Diego linebacker Jiffrey Seau, selling the victory.

The Chargers dominated time of possession, holding the ball for 40:39, while Detroit had possession for just 19:21. The Chargers won despite being penalized 11 times for 129 yards.

Detroit's Barry Sanders rushed for two touchdowns, but was limited to 51 yards on 16 carries.

Leonard Russell carried 20 times for a game-high 80 yards for San Diego.

San Diego (6-4) won its second straight following a three-game losing streak to move within one game of second-place Kansas City in the AFC West.

Detroit (4-6) dropped its fourth straight game to fall into a tie with Chicago for third place in the NFC Central. The Lions have been outscored 127-67 during the losing streak.

Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell left the game early in the third quarter and did not return after aggravating a rib injury. He was replaced by Don Majkowski, who was 10-for-18 for 110 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell completed 5-of-9 passes for 49 yards before exiting.

Majkowski directed a 12-play, 61-yard drive, capped by his one-yard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within 27-21. The ensuing onside kick by Jason Hanson was recovered by San Diego linebacker Jiffrey Seau, selling the victory.

The Chargers dominated time of possession, holding the ball for 40:39, while Detroit had possession for just 19:21. The Chargers won despite being penalized 11 times for 129 yards.

Detroit's Barry Sanders rushed for two touchdowns, but was limited to 51 yards on 16 carries.

Leonard Russell carried 20 times for a game-high 80 yards for San Diego.

San Diego (6-4) won its second straight following a three-game losing streak to move within one game of second-place Kansas City in the AFC West.

Detroit (4-6) dropped its fourth straight game to fall into a tie with Chicago for third place in the NFC Central. The Lions have been outscored 127-67 during the losing streak.

Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell left the game early in the third quarter and did not return after aggravating a rib injury. He was replaced by Don Majkowski, who was 10-for-18 for 110 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell completed 5-of-9 passes for 49 yards before exiting.

Majkowski directed a 12-play, 61-yard drive, capped by his one-yard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within 27-21. The ensuing onside kick by Jason Hanson was recovered by San Diego linebacker Jiffrey Seau, selling the victory.

The Chargers dominated time of possession, holding the ball for 40:39, while Detroit had possession for just 19:21. The Chargers won despite being penalized 11 times for 129 yards.

Detroit's Barry Sanders rushed for two touchdowns, but was limited to 51 yards on 16 carries.

Leonard Russell carried 20 times for a game-high 80 yards for San Diego.

San Diego (6-4) won its second straight following a three-game losing streak to move within one game of second-place Kansas City in the AFC West.

Detroit (4-6) dropped its fourth straight game to fall into a tie with Chicago for third place in the NFC Central. The Lions have been outscored 127-67 during the losing streak.

Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell left the game early in the third quarter and did not return after aggravating a rib injury. He was replaced by Don Majkowski, who was 10-for-18 for 110 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell completed 5-of-9 passes for 49 yards before exiting.

Majkowski directed a 12-play, 61-yard drive, capped by his one-yard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within 27-21. The ensuing onside kick by Jason Hanson was recovered by San Diego linebacker Jiffrey Seau, selling the victory.

## Zola says he hopes to help Chelsea win title

LONDON (R) — Italian international striker Gianfranco Zola said on Monday he was looking forward to working with compatriot Gianluca Vialli to help Chelsea win the English League title.

"I think we can play well together and we won't have any problems," said Zola after completing the formalities of his £4.5-million (£7.4-million) move to the London side.

"I believe I can help him to score goals and that with him I can help the team to reach our aims," the 30-year-old Sardinian said.

"If Chelsea want to win the league then I want to be part of that. I certainly think that this team will be in Europe next season and perhaps even better than that. We are fifth now and I am sure we can progress from there."

Zola, who has signed a three-and-a-half-year deal, said he had asked another Italian at Chelsea, Roberto Di Matteo, and



Italian international soccer player Gianfranco Zola smiles during a press conference after he had signed for Chelsea FC at Stamford Bridge Stadium London. Zola joined Chelsea from Italian club Parma (Reuters photo)

Middlesbrough's Fabrizio Ravanelli for advice about the move from Italy's Parma.

"They told me that English football is good," he said. They say it's hard and strong but that the football is good, that I can play well and live well here.

fill the dreams of Chelsea vice chairman and benefactor Matthew Harding, killed in a helicopter crash three weeks ago.

"This is what Matthew would have wanted," Gullit said. "He had a dream for Chelsea and now we can help deliver that dream."

Gullit added: "I think with Gianfranco that his qualities are obvious. He has great technical ability and he sees the game very well."

"I think it's vital for us that he is the sort of player who can decide a game with his vision, technique and ability to open it up from even ordinary situations."

Gullit said Zola's arrival did not mean there would be no place for Welsh international striker Mark Hughes.

"Nobody has to go," Gullit said. "If you look at our last few games Mark Hughes has been outstanding, a great help to the team."

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Graf to play Fed Cup

BONN (AFP) — Steffi Graf copied Boris Becker and Michael Stich when she agreed to represent her country at tennis next year. The world No 1 signed a contract with the German Tennis Federation agreeing to play the Fed Cup next year. Germany play the Czech Republic in the first round at Mannheim on March 1-2 and if they win would also play the semi-finals and final in Germany. Becker and Stich recently committed themselves to playing Davis Cup tennis for Germany next year in a similar agreement covering endorsement rights. Graf, recovering from a knee injury, has not played since beating Monica Seles in the U.S. Open final in September.

### Pinto undergoes head operation

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — Atletico Paranaense goalkeeper Ricardo Pinto underwent an operation to remove a blood clot from his brain on Tuesday after being hit on the back of the neck by a Fluminense soccer fan. Fluminense, who lost 3-2, were ordered to play their next five home games at another ground. Police were investigating the assault.

### Massaro leaves J-League

TOKYO (AFP) — Italian striker Daniele Massaro's injury-prone 18 months with J-League football club Shimizu S-pulse has ended. The 35-year-old, who led AC Milan to the Inter Continental Cup in 1989 and 1990, represented his country in the 1990 and 1994 world cups. Massaro joined Shimizu S-pulse in June last year but played only 20 games because of injuries, scoring 10 goals.

### Adidas head to take over Marseille

MARSEILLE (AFP) — Robert Louis-Dreyfus, who turned advertising agency Satchi and Satchi's fortunes around, is to take over as president of Olympique Marseille. The head of Adidas said the sports good maker would not be involved in the takeover.

## Injury puts Dahlin out until December

MOENCHENGLAD-BACH, Germany (R) — Swedish international striker Martin Dahlin pulled a leg muscle in the World Cup qualifier against Scotland and will be out of action for several weeks, Borussia Moenchengladbach said on Monday.

Moenchengladbach trainer Bernd Krauss said Dahlin, who returned to the Bundesliga late last month from Roma, would not be able to play again until after the league's winter break, which begins in mid-December.

Dahlin was substituted in the 17th minute of Sunday's qualifier, which Sweden lost 1-0.

The Swedes do not have another World Cup engagement until April next year when they host the return against Scotland.

## Thrust has first test run in Al Jafir

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Britain's world land speed record challenger, the jet-powered Thrust SSC, started its test runs in the southern Jordanian desert Tuesday with officials of the team quoting the first day as "successful".

"We had a preliminary test run and the car reached (228 mph) 325 kph. We hope to have the upcoming test in the next couple of days."

While the car arrived in Jordan on Oct. 26, the team was unable to start tests until now because of windy conditions and the need of some spare parts before the car was fully prepared. "It's been very windy. We had a sandstorm today and we're just praying it will be calm," Andrew Noble, a senior organizer of the project had told Reuters prior to the first test run.

Noble's brother Richard is leading the Thrust team challenge to break his own world record of 1,019.44 kph set in 1983.

He said driver Andy Green, a British Royal Air Force pilot, would build up speed over subsequent outings in his bid to become the fastest man on four wheels.

The Thrust team, who say the car is designed ultimately to reach speeds as

high as 1,360 kph hope their runs in Jordan will set the stage for an attempt next year on the sound barrier — about 1,200 kph.

Apart from fine tuning the car's 110,000 horsepower jet engines, team members have spent the last two weeks trudging the 16 kilometre tracks on the desert floor, picking out small stones that could damage the car's solid aluminium wheels.

Organisers have painted 17 of the tracks, about 15 metres apart, on the desert floor. The car will follow each track just once because its metal wheels will dig into the desert floor as it speeds by.

To reach the speed of sound and still have time for its parachute brakes to slow it, the car would need a track of over 22.5 km.

A similar attempt to set a new world land speed record in the U.S. Black Rock desert in Nevada failed last week when Spirit of America driven by Craig Breedlove had an accident nearly overturned and was about to smash into a crowd of spectators. Officials decided to stop the tests for this year's start of the winter season in Nevada would soon make any attempt to break the record impossible.

## Braves' Smoltz wins NL Cy Young award

NEW YORK (R) — Right-hander John Smoltz became the third Cy Young award winner on the Atlanta Braves' staff on Monday, joining teammates Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine as the only pitchers to win the National League award in the past six years.

Smoltz won his first Cy Young Award with 26 first-place votes and 136 points from the Baseball Writers Association of America voters, two from each NL City.

Smoltz stopped the string of four Cy Young awards captured by Maddux, who was tied for fifth with three points. Glavine won in 1991 and Maddux captured the 1992 award with the Chicago Cubs before winning three in a row with the Braves, the last two by unanimous votes.

ports  
bills beat  
game  
Anto  
Jazz  
cold  
Delta  
tic n  
tions  
floor.  
Off  
decid  
game  
sched  
spoke  
and  
vice  
tions  
postp  
—Th  
—The  
floor  
and f  
player  
feel l  
cance  
said.  
Acc  
from  
main  
notice  
that p  
were  
sander  
varm  
ed th  
drying  
"The  
in the  
too hi  
a play  
it's a  
cutting  
arm at  
that w  
The  
game  
use the  
season  
The  
uled fo  
"You  
for us.  
Hill sa  
break  
got a  
goes in  
especi  
are."  
San  
all-star  
Robins  
Chuck  
due.  
Smith  
Sunday  
tionable  
In S  
Kemp  
points  
and Ga  
as the  
comple  
JORDAN TIMES  
684311 - 6990  
LUXURY CAR FOR  
Unpaid, California Plate  
30, pearl-white, grey  
ad, leather seats. CD  
phon. Must see.  
case call 611734 or  
Celebrate French Wine V  
& Fine Chinese Cuisine  
THE JADE EMPEROR REST  
November 14th thru 22nd  
the bottle of Bichot Wine com  
and Gengi  
located at 2nd Circle, Passpo  
for reservations call 658851, 65  
Shrimply Delic  
Seafood • Snack  
DR drinks and cana  
live music  
Sunday - Monday  
Tuesday - Thursday  
Mabella Top Singer  
NEW M  
World  
Comforta  
home c  
espe  
Marbe  
Cafe Restaurant  
our Paella or Ha  
mesco or Sizzling  
Specialty of Ma  
Soyen

CINEMA TEL:634144  
PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia 1  
Bruce Willis ... in  
12 Monkeys  
Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30  
Philadelphia 2  
Tom Cruise ... in  
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE  
Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

CINEMA TEL:699238  
PLAZA

Leslie Nelson ... in  
SPY HARD  
(In Dolby stereo)  
Shows: 12:30, 3:15, 5:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

CINEMA TEL:677420  
CONCORD

CONCORD "1"  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
(In Dolby stereo)  
Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45  
CONCORD "2"  
DISCLOSURE  
Shows: 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

Ammon Theatre & Cinema  
TEL: 618274 - 618275

Today presents Zawad Weld Awad  
theatre group in the play entitled  
Five-Star Government  
Starring comedians:  
Mahmoud Saimah  
& Hussein Tubishat  
Play starts 8:30 p.m.

Nabil & Hisham's Theatre  
TEL: 625155

PRESENTS  
THE SATIRICAL COMEDY  
Arab Human Rights  
At 8:30 p.m.  
Theatre is closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
For reservation please call  
625155 - 640155



## Bulls beat Suns to continue best start ever

CHICAGO (R) — Michael Jordan scored 26 points as the undefeated Chicago Bulls continued their best start ever with a 97-79 win over the winless Phoenix Suns on Monday.

Dennis Rodman grabbed 22 rebounds and Scottie Pippen scored 18 points for the Bulls, who shook off a sluggish first half and improved to 7-0. Chicago won six of its first seven games last season en route to a record-setting 72-10 Mark and their fourth NBA title.

"Mentally we're better than last year," said Jordan, who scored 17 points after halftime.

Michael Finley had 17 points for the Suns (0-6), who are off to their worst start in 11 years and are one of three winless teams.

"It's real special to come here and play in my hometown," Finley said. "Hopefully, one day, I'll get a victory here. We knew we had to come in here and respect the world champions. And they are famous for their third-quarter runs. They did us in that way tonight."

The Suns led 43-41 at halftime and still held a 47-46 edge with 8:47 to go in the third quarter. But Phoenix managed just two baskets by Sam Cassell over the next 7 1/2 minutes.

"It appears right now we play better coming from behind," Jordan said. "We have been taking care of business, but it's a dangerous way to live."

Chicago shot 43 per cent (39-of-90) from the field but committed just 11 turnovers.

"It was cold in the building here tonight and it was a tough night for us shooting the ball," Pippen said. "We're not really putting a string of runs together right now. Hopefully that will come with better execution."

Phoenix shot 39 per cent (29-of-74) and had 18 turnovers, leading to 19 Chicago points.

In Salt Lake City, the

game between the San Antonio Spurs and Utah Jazz was postponed as the cold ice surface of the Delta Centre warped plastic rods connecting sections of the hardwood floor.

Official Jess Kersey decided to postpone the game 50 minutes after the scheduled start. Kersey spoke with Jazz officials and consulted with NBA vice president of operations Rod Thorn before postponing the game.

"There's no way that the floor is playable tonight and for the safety of the players in our league, we feel like it's necessary to cancel the game," Kersey said.

According to a statement from the Jazz, Delta centre maintenance personnel noticed Monday morning that portions of the floor were rising. They were sanded and treated with varnish, but Kersey decided that the court was not drying quickly enough.

"There's too many gaps in the floor and it's raised too high," Kersey said. "If a player were to go down, it's a possibility of him cutting a leg, cutting an arm and that's something that we don't want to do."

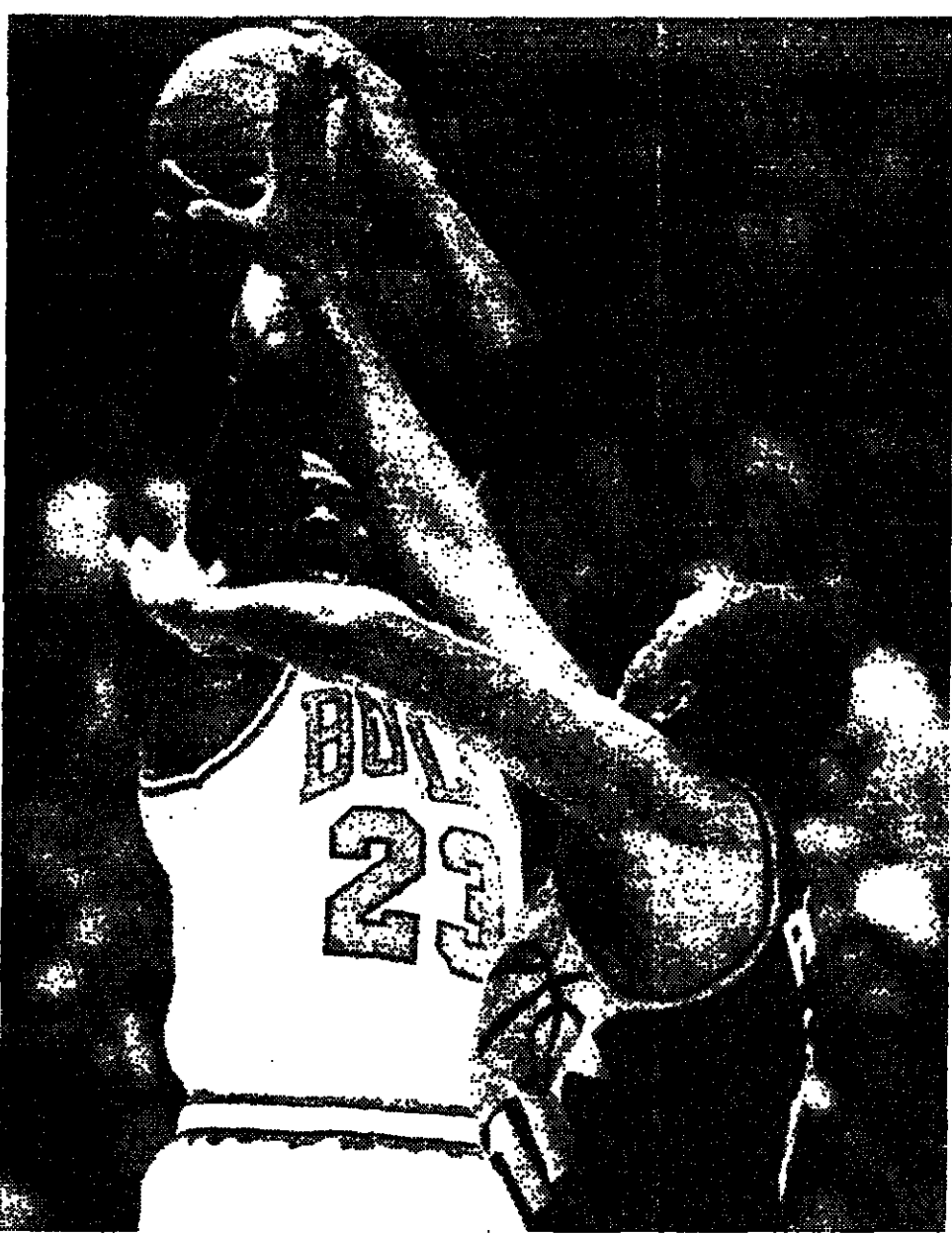
The Jazz have two home games this week and will use the old floor from last season.

The game was rescheduled for December 15.

"You know it is a break for us," Spurs coach Bob Hill said. "It would be a break for anybody that's got a lot of injuries that goes in to play a game and especially as beat up as we are."

San Antonio is without all-star centre David Robinson and forwards Chuck Person and will perdue. Forward Charles Smith sprained an ankle Sunday night and is questionable.

In Sacramento, Shawn Kemp scored 16 of his 31 points in the first quarter and Gary Payton added 21 as the Seattle SuperSonics completed a perfect three-



Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan (L) shoots over Phoenix Suns' Wesley Person (R) in first quarter action in Chicago. Jordan scored 26 points to lead the Bulls to a 97-79 victory (Reuters photo)

game road trip with a 110-94 victory over the Kings.

Kemp added nine rebounds and Payton handed out nine assists for Seattle, which defeated the Kings for the fifth straight time.

Mitch Richmond scored 28 points for Sacramento.

In Toronto, Dale Ellis scored 21 of his season-high 37 points in the first half, when the Denver Nuggets raced to a 19-point lead before holding on for a 104-93 victory over the Raptors.

Ellis shot 15-of-21 from

the field, including 6-of-11 from beyond the three-point arc. The NBA's all-time leader in three-pointers has led the Nuggets in scoring four times in seven games.

Rookie Marcus Camby, making his first NBA start, scored 20 of his season-high 26 points in the second half for the Raptors, who had a two-game winning streak snapped.

### Results

Denver	104	Toronto	93
Chicago	97	Phoenix	79
Seattle	110	Sacramento	94
San Antonio	at Utah	— postponed	

## King Hussein to receive IFBB 'Gold Order'

### Weigh-in and drug testing starts today

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Officials of the International Federation of Bodybuilders (IFBB) announced that they will present their highest award — the 'Gold Order' — to His Majesty King Hussein on the occasion of the 50th World Bodybuilding Championships which open here today.

The announcement was made by IFBB executive director Pamela Kagan in an interview with the Jordanian sports media.

As fans and officials await the start of the competition with the participation of a record number of 78 countries, Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabari announced the government's sponsorship and support of the event by exempting the organisers from paying any taxes noting that this is the biggest, and first World Championship organised in the Kingdom.

Libya was the last country to announce its participation Tuesday and was added to the list of participants raising the number to 78 — a record for the

IFBB.

The events of the championship start today with the weigh-in and drug testing the results of which will be sent to the laboratories of the International Olympic Committee in Spain. If a competitor tests positive he will be stripped of his medal and suspended for two years.

The preliminary round starts Thursday morning at the Sports Palace. The IFBB World Congress starts its meetings Friday morning and the final round of the competition will be held Friday afternoon concluding the championship.

The competitors will be narrowed down to 15 in the preliminary round and then only will six make it to the final round and victory ceremony.

President of the Jordanian Bodybuilding Federation Abdul Mun'em Abouloq announced that prices of tickets had been reduced to JD 5 for the preliminary round and JD 7 for the final round.



Jo-Jo the official mascot of the championship

### Egyptians aim for the top

ADEL FAHIM, the head of the Egyptian delegation said his team had prepared well and expected to be among the top six.

The Egyptian team took part in the African Championship which was held in Johannesburg, South Africa where they got four gold and one silver medal.

Anwar Al Imawi is probably the best known in the team s he won second place in the last two World Championships in Shanghai and Guam.

## Ahli lose second match in Syria

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Syria's Al Jish Tuesday beat the Kingdom's former basketball champions Al Ahli 74-67 in the second of a series of friendly matches the Jordanian team is having in the Syrian capital in preparation for the start of the 1996 first division basketball championship which kicks off Nov. 19 with six teams taking part.

Al Ahli's Wisam Nino was his team's top scorer with 20 points. Al Ahli are due to play Al Shurta in their final match before they return to Amman.

The Kingdom's former basketball champions had lost their first match 76-52 to Syria's top team, Al Wihdeh.

Al Ahli are represented by their younger players led by Faisal Nsour, Mohamad Shamali, Walid Badran and Ramez Ham-moudeh in the absence of three of their top stars — Marwan Ma'touq, Yousef Zaghloul and Naser Bushnaq.

Meanwhile another of the country's top teams, Al Jazireh, is currently in Beirut to play a series of matches against top Lebanese teams. AL Jazireh will meet Al Riyadi, Al Tadamon and Al Hikmah.

Titleholders Al Orthodoxi who regained their title last year, were the first to start friendly matches abroad as they took part in the Hariri championship in Beirut last month alongside top Arab teams from Lebanon and Egypt.

**JORDAN TIMES TEL:**  
684311 - 699634

### LUXURY CAR FOR SALE

Duty Unpaid, California Plate, 1992 Lexus LS400, pearl-white, grey interior, fully loaded, leather seats. CD player, mint condition. Must see.

Please call 611734 or 07939156

Celebrate French Wine Week

& Fine Chinese Cuisine at

THE JADE EMPEROR RESTAURANT

from November 14th thru 22nd, receive a

free bottle of Bichot Wine compliments of

Ellen & Chihui and Gengiz Khan Co.

Located at 2nd Circle, Passport St.  
For reservations call 658851, 658850

### CAR FOR SALE

Duty unpaid 1988 Peugeot 505 GL, 4-door sedan, 2,000 cc engine, 5 speed. JD 2,000 or best offer. Call 615791-657278

A Lady from Sri Lanka or Philippines Needed to Work in a Family Home Immediately. For more details please call 704642/704631

### CAR FOR SALE

Mitsubishi Gallant 95 GLS 2000 CC. Full options, Newly Duty Paid 6/96. Colour light bronze, 4,500 kilometres, comprehensive insurance. price JD 23,000.

Call: 818977

However I feel...  
It's prince or a heel;  
It's the atmosphere...  
That brings me here;  
Omar Khayyam Bar  
It is the place...  
That fits your pace

Happy Hour  
6 to 10 p.m.

BUY TWO GET ONE FREE  
LIVE MUSIC

COMMODORE HOTEL

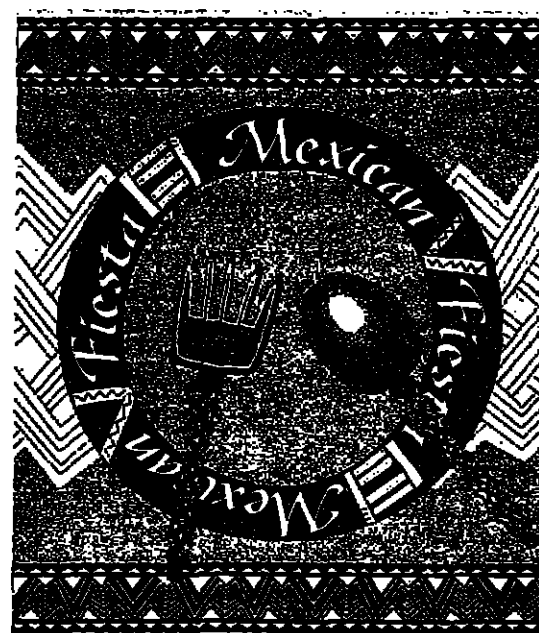
Tel. 607185

### Apartments For Rent Or Sale

(FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED)  
\* 1st floor apartment in Um Uthaina, 140 sq.m. area.  
\* Roof apartment in Um Al Summaq, 160 sq.m. area and 160 sq.m. terrace.  
\* Apartment in Zarqa for rent.

Please call Tel: 07945507

HOTEL  
INTER-CONTINENTAL  
JORDAN



MAMA JUANITA  
MEXICAN BAR AND RESTAURANT

Burritos, Fajitas and the ever popular Margarita. All of these are world famous Mexican delights that are on offer during the month of November at Mama Juanita. And that's not all, there are also other very special offers that will be available. So, for all the fun of a Mexican Fiesta visit Mama Juanita, where you are always more than welcome.

For reservations, please call 641361 ext. 2222

One world. One hotel.  
Uniquely Inter-Continental

**Shrimply Delicious**  
Seafood - Snacks - Pizzas  
OR drinks and canapes only  
Special live music  
Saturday - Monday  
Wednesday - Thursday  
NEW MENU  
World - Class  
Comfortable atmosphere and home cooking prepared especially for you  
Oh Marbella Top Singer  
مطعم  
أوه ماربيلا  
Oh Marbella  
Cafe Restaurant  
Try our Paella or Hamonado  
Romesco or Sizzling Shrimps  
A specialty of Oh Marbella  
1103-1110 Sweetmeats 882-9447

JORDAN RIVER  
Under The Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor  
Jordan River Designs presents  
A New Festive Season  
Introducing the Fall '96 collection  
Join us in celebrating this  
Festive Season of Christmas and Ramadan at the  
Jordan River Designs Showroom  
14-28 November 1996, from 9.00 am-8.00 pm  
Special choir performance on  
Sat 16 at 4:30, Tues 19 at 4:00, Sun 24 Nov at 5:00 pm  
Sponsored by Freddy for music TOYOTA  
For more information please contact Tel. 613081-2

Petra Plaza  
استرا بلازا  
PETRA PLAZA HOTEL  
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO  
THE ROSE CITY OF PETRA DURING  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1996 WITH A  
SPECIAL RATE ARRANGEMENT INCLUDING  
DINNER AND BREAKFAST  
PER PERSON IN A DOUBLE ROOM HALF BOARD  
J.D. 25.000  
CHILD SHARING ROOM J.D. 6.000  
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT J.D. 15.000  
PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO 10% GOVERNMENT TAX  
AND 10% SERVICE CHARGE.  
FOR RESERVATION:  
TEL 03-336408/9/10 FAX 03-337096

HOTEL  
INTER-CONTINENTAL  
JORDAN  
MAMA JUANITA  
MEXICAN BAR AND RESTAURANT  
Burritos, Fajitas and the ever popular Margarita. All of these are world famous Mexican delights that are on offer during the month of November at Mama Juanita. And that's not all, there are also other very special offers that will be available. So, for all the fun of a Mexican Fiesta visit Mama Juanita, where you are always more than welcome.  
For reservations, please call 641361 ext. 2222  
One world. One hotel.  
Uniquely Inter-Continental



